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President warns US troops they may face 'personal sacrifice' as Iraq rounds up more hostages

Angry Bush takes a step closer to war

By Martin Fletcher in washington and Andrew McEwen in London

PRESIDENT Bush took flagrant violation of the law, their staff would be regarded the United States a step closer to hostilities yesterday by accusing Iraq of holding Americans hos-tage and warning that sacrifices would be needed to defend freedom.

He condemned the use of foreigners as "pawns" in an angry speech and said it people are very concerned was "an offence against all norms of international behaviour".

As more Americans and British citizens were rounded up, the president said Bagh-dad was holding US citizens hostage and would be respon-sible for their safety. The British government continued to avoid the word hostage, but announced that a further 82 nationals had been taken

British diplomats have established that 48 of them are being held in two civilian buildings, but the whereabouts of the others is unknown. Twenty-seven French people have been rounded up, including a girl aged four,

travelling without her parents. Iraq has said that it will use the foreigners as a human shield against an attack, holding them in accommodation attached to factories and other strategic buildings.At least 35 of the 3,000 Americans in Kuwait and Iraq are understood to have been moved to munitions and chemicals

Baghdad implicitly threatened the death penalty against people sheltering foreigners. Baghdad radio said: "Hosting a foreigner in an hage's place of residence is considered a

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about the welfare of the foreigners," he said.

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safety and well-being of American citizens held against their will Leaders who use citizens as pawns deserve and will receive the scorn and condemnation of the entire

The US President called the situation "a crisis that will require American planning, patience, and yes, personal must and will meet if we are to condemnation of the income. he had spoken by telephone "He has shown, if anyone aim of freezing the funds was yesterday morning to Mar-doubted it, that nations which to prevent them falling into

Westerners in Iraq have begun to seek refuge in their of today." embassies, fearing that they too might be used as shields. The British, American and Italian embassies have been accepting people since Saturday. The possibility that Westem diplomats in Kuwait might also be rounded up arose yesterday when Baghdad said that if embassies in the

for which the severest punish-

ment will be given." However, a member of the Kuwaiti cabinet, who requested anonymity, said he believed most Kuwaitis would be glad to hide Britons and other foreigners. "In the Arab world, if you are my guest we take care of you. The Kuwait

ON OTHER PAGES

Washington had been as reluctant as London to use the word hostage, but President yesterday. "There can be little innocent people are called,

"I will hold the government of Iraq responsible for the

garet Thatcher, "a great friend of the US".

as ordinary foreign nationals.

However, Britain has told Michael Weston, its ambassador in Kırwait, that he and his staff should stay as long as they can. Poland also said it would refuse to close its embassy. About 13,000 Westerners and Japanese are among two million foreigners trapped in Iraq and Kuwait. Baghdad has continued to

treat citizens of countries not involved in enforcing the UN Security Council's trade sanctions more favourably. Iraq said yesterday that it would allow Argentines to leave as a mark of gratitude for their government's decision not to send troops to the Gulf. About 700 Indonesians in Kuwait and an unknown number in Iraq were also to be freed.

Other non-Westerners continued to leave the two countries in large numbers, mostly via Jordan where more than 10,000 are arriving daily. Jordan said it was having trouble coping with the influx and had asked Iraq to reduce the flow. The US State Department

Bush set aside his hesitation advised all Americans to defer non-essential travel to Jordan, doubt that whatever these It said it was allowing nonessential embassy staff to they are in fact hostages," he leave and suggested other said in a speech to American Americans should consider following suit. The Foreign Office has not yet advised Britons against travelling to Jordan.

The United States and Britain were trying yesterday to persuade the Soviet Union that would approve the use of tions. A member of the Kuforce to maintain trade sanc- waiti cabinet, who requested tions against Iraq. Moscow's anonymity, said the bank had position remained unclear, but Mr Bush thanked Presi-

joined to fight aggression in the wrong hands. The Kuwaiti together to stop the aggressors recognised internationally as

Damascus Radio, which is seen as the voice of the Syrian plains how Kuwait's foreign government, condemned the embassies have been able to Iraqi decision to take hostages remain open, administering and said it increased the risk costly welfare services to Kuof war in the Gulf. Syria, waitis stranded abroad. These Egypt and Morocco, have sent include free air tickets and troops to help defend Saudi hotel expenses for Kuwaitis Arabia as part of an Arab force wanting to fly to Gulf counapproved by the Arab League tries, where free accommodacity did not close by Friday, in Cairo ten days ago.



Kuwait draws on assets

By OUR DIPLOMATIC EDITOR THE Bank of England has

given the Kuwaiti government-in-exile permission to use income from the Kuwaiti Investment Office in Britain to finance its running costs, it was disclosed yesterday.

Britain froze Kuwaiti assets on August 3, the day after the Iraqi invasion, but the bank has authority to make excepagreed that the running costs were a legitimate use of the sacrifice, a sacrifice that we dent Gorbachev for his investment office's huge

Whitehall sources said the World War Two can work government continues to be

the owner of the assets. The bank's decision ex-Continued on page 16, col 1

Standards in schools 'worst in the West'

By JOHN O'LEARY AND NIGEL HAWKES

STRONG criticism of British education as other countries." educational performance from The 1990s needed to be Bria leading academic and fortain's decade for education. Standards were especially mer government adviser yes-

terday prompted fresh contropoor in the sciences and there versy over school standards. Sir Claus Moser, warden of were serious deficiencies in primary schools. More re-Wadham College, Oxford, and a former head of the Governsources were needed and salaries had to be raised. ment Statistical Service, in an address to the British Association for the Advancement of Science, called for a royal commission on education because neither government nor opposition were display-

ing the vision needed to arrest Britain's slide. children have educational experiences not worthy of a civilised nation." he said. British education had declined and no longer matched Europe, Japan or, for higher education, the United States. Britain was in danger of becoming among the least adequately educated of the

advanced nations. Sir Claus said: "I suspect that, at root, Britain - or perhaps I should say England - does not care as much about

ment's record and insisted that its reforms were beginning to produce results. He declined to answer specific criticisms made by Sir Claus, but said that the government was building on the most substantial programmes of re-forms since 1944.

Michael Fallon, under-sec-The publication meanwhile retary at the education department, defended the govern-



of new statistics showed record numbers of students entering higher education. The figures confirmed that the number of students in Britain topped one million for the first time in 1988.

Alan Howarth, the higher education minister, said appli cations for places this autumn were 6 per cent up on last year. The controversy broke on

the day that the Liberal Democrats launched their new education policies, Put-ting pupils first. Matthew Taylor, the party's education spokesman, promised that the Liberal Democrats would substantially increase resources for education.

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QE2 sails to stricken oil rig

By KERRY GILL

A NORWEGIAN drilling rig with 49 people on board broke from its tow and had its helicopter deck broken off during gales and high seas in the Danish sector of the North Sea yesterday. A freak wave is thought to have hit the helideck, driving it into the

None of the crew was injured, but the QE2, on passage to the Norwegian fiords, was diverted to the scene, about 200 miles east of Newcastle upon Tyne and 130 miles from Esbjerg, Denmark,

The Aberdeen coastguard said that the rig was on tow in rough seas in the Gowm field when it broke loose and began drifting in winds of up to 80mph. The crew were on the upper deck and all are safe. The rescue operation was coordinated by Danish coastguards.

Cunard said that the QE2 changed course in response to a distress call. The liner later left the area once the emergency services were stood

Siberian hijack ends in Karachi

From Zahid Hussain in Karachi

who overpowered their guards on a domestic flight over miles east of Moscow, to the Siberia and seized control of city of Yakutsk. the aircraft surrendered peacefully to Pakistani commandos yesterday at Karachi airport after the personal intervention of the Soviet prime minister, Nikolai Ryzhkov.

The two-day odyssey ended when the hijackers, armed with machine guns, pistols and home-made explosives, agreed to free their captives and give themselves up before

been plagued by a wave of hijacks this summer, mainly asylum in the West.

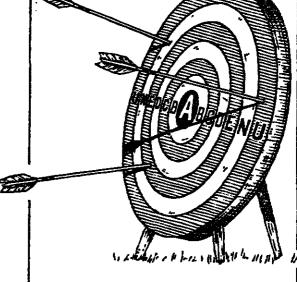
The latest incident began on Sunday when 15 prisoners on an Aeroflot flight disarmed their guards and took over the

ELEVEN Soviet prisoners plane, which was flying from

They forced the plane to return to Neryungri, where their labour camp was located officials said. Six prisoners decided to leave the plane, but two more joined the hijackers, the Soviet Interior Ministry spokesman, Yuri Arshen evsky, said.

The hijackers allowed the 41 women and children among the remaining 70 passeeking political asylum. sengers to leave the airliner in Soviet domestic flights have Neryungri. They then flew west to Krasnoyarsk, where the authorities negotiated with by dissaffected youths seeking them for two hours and allowed them to refuel.

The plane flew to Tashkent in Soviet Uzbekistan and the Yakutsk crew was replaced Continued on page 16, col 5



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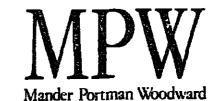
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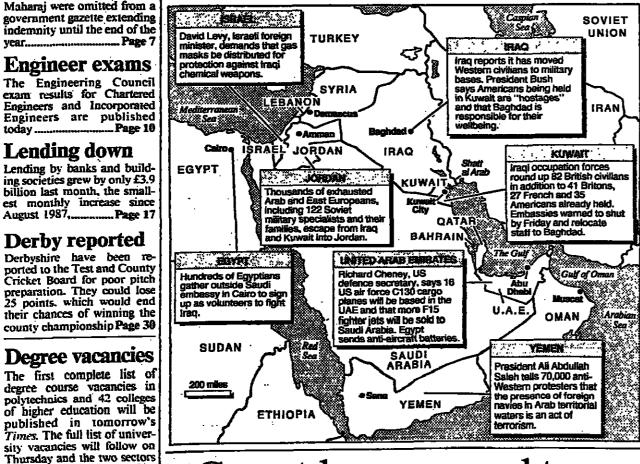
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Carpet-buyers urged to pay cash before crash

By GILLIAN BOWDITCH

LOWNDES Queensway customers were being encouraged to pay for their orders in cash in advance just one week before receivers were called into the furniture and carpets group, it emerged last night.

Liz Law, from Peterborough, who paid £741 for a carpet, was telephoned twice by her local Carpelland on August 8 and told that if she paid in full that day, 20 per cent would be deducted from an earlier quotation. Mrs Law said the shop accepted a £50 deposit on her Access card and she paid the balance by cheque the next day. She was given a delivery date of August 18. A week after she was telephoned by the shop, the receivers were called in.

Lowndes Queensway also placed

advertisements in most of the daily tabloid newspapers on Tuesday, August 7, offering 20 per cent off all carpet orders at Carpetland and Queensway the next day. Nowhere in the advertisement did it say that customers had to pay in full. Mr and Mrs Ron Strutt, of Guildford, who had already ordered a £796 carpet, were told by their local Carpetland that they would receive 20 per cent off if they cut out the advertisement and paid for the carpet in full. They paid by cheque a week before the group went into receivership.

An insolvency expert at the accountancy firm Touche Ross said that the practice of encouraging people to pay in full by companies which were in financial difficulties was dubious, but did not appear to be illegal. Customers

may still get back most of their money through a £15 million insurance policy put in place by Lowndes in January to cover customer deposits. There are fears, however, that after the costs of processing the insurance claims are met, the money left may not cover the deposits in

Yesterday Lowndes made 120 staff at its head office in Orpington, Kent, redundant. More of the 4,000 workforce are expected to lose their jobs. More than 100 Lowndes employees,

mostly regional managers, attended a five-hour meeting with Nigel Hamilton and Terry Carter, the receivers, yesterday. The employees were told that the company's 417 shops should be open tomorrow and were briefed on how to



Mrs Law: offered discount by local Carpetland

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From Martin Fletcher IN WASHINGTON

BY ROUNDING up 3,000 Americans and threatening to use them as human shields, President Saddam Hussein risks precipitating the US strike his move was designed to forestall.

The Bush administration is aware of how past hostage problems paralysed the Carter presidency and sucked Ronald Reagan into the Iran-Contra "arms for hostages" debacle. The Bush presidency is determined that it will not founder on

Within Congress, there appears to be a firm resolve that American conduct in the Gulf confrontation should not be dictated by the plight of the hostages. Many independent experts, noting that President Saddam is using the hostages to manipulate US public opinion, are arguing that the administration should consider a swift military strike, despite the risk to the trapped Americans, before they come to domi- trapped, and undermining the national resolve to nate the national consciousness.

The longer the hostages are there, the more that the news surrounding them and the private sufferings of their families divert attention from the real issues in the crisis," said Adam Garfinkle, senior analyst and Middle East expert at the Foreign Policy Research Institute. "The tilt of the expert community is going to be towards doing something decisive soon rather than waiting."

The administration has refused to use the emotive term "hostages", lest it enhance their value to Iraq as bargaining chips, and has withheld the identities of those held to prevent their plight from acquiring too human a face. However, the distressed families of those

detained in Iraq and Kuwait are surfacing in the media, letting their fears and agonies pour out, urging negotiations, in some cases criticising Mr Bush for playing golf while their loved ones are

stand firm against the Iraqi dictator. President Saddam is exploiting this to the full.

On Sunday, he delivered a televised address to the families of those held in which he said that Washington could secure their release by withdrawing its forces.

Les Aspin, chairman of the House armed services committee, warned that concern for the hostages must not be allowed to influence decision-making. It had to be balanced by "not letting our policy be driven by the existence of hostages or be paralysed by it", he said. "We are in a world in which the use of military force anywhere in the world is likely to raise the issue of hostages. So we have got to learn to live with the problem. Hostages are a fact of life."

Lee Hamilton, the second most senior Democrat on the House foreign affairs committee, said the president had a responsibility to citizens held

very high priority and it weighs heavily on a president and any leader in this government," he said. "But that's not the only interest involved here . . . we have an interest in the free flow of oil at reasonable prices in the Gulf."

Mr Aspin said this situation differed from previous hostage dilemmas in that the identity of the hostage-taker was clear. "You say to Saddam Hussein, 'You are responsible for the safety of these hostages and we are holding you responsible ...' We at least know the address of the person responsible, so if we need to send a message we

know where to send it." Increasingly, experts are warning of the dangers of a protracted economic siege and calling for military action. Henry Kissinger, former Secretary of State, said on Sunday that the administration should consider "surgical and progressive destruction" of lrag's military assets. the rounding-up of hostages was an Iraqi ploy to gain time: "The more you wait, the less Bush will be backed by the world." Dr Garfinkle commented: "What are we waiting for? We've got the air power to inflict massive damage. Do we really think sitting out there in the desert is going to bring Saddam around? Forget it."

Mr Bush has deliberately proceeded with his Kennebunkport holiday to avoid comparisons with Mr Carter who became a captive of the White House during his hostage dilemma. He has played down the plight of the American detainees, describing them as recently as last Tuesday as "inconvenienced people who want in get out". President Saddam's actions over the weekend, say the experts, have rendered that approach untenable and demand an administration response commensurate with the transparent gravity of the situation.

LONDON

Thatcher likely to break her self-imposed silence

pected shortly to break her uncharacteristic, self-imposed silence on the turmoil in the Gulf and make a public statement of her views. Her remarks, which are expected to cover the threat to about 4,500 Britons held in Kuwait and

Iraq, could come today. According to government sources, she is very concerned at their plight. She also wants Foreign Office consular officials in the area to be seen to be doing all they can to protect the interests of British nationals, which she believes they are. Mrs Thatcher, who returned on Sunday from a week's holiday in Cornwall, has made no public comment on President Saddam's aggression since her meetings with President Bush in the United States shortly after the invasion on August 2.

The prime minister, who has adopted a measured tone towards the confrontation in the belief that it is unlikely to be resolved swiftly, yesterday met her senior ministerial colleagues for nearly two hours at Downing Street. Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, said recall of Parliament was discussed, but no decisions were taken. Government sources confirmed the position was unchanged, but could alter if there was a "shooting war" in the region.

But Sir Rhodes Boyson, one of the few senior Tory MPs to have publicly demanded a recall, gave a warning that it would set a "terrible pre-cedent" for the "sounding board of the nation" to be silenced when Western civilisation was facing its biggest

The Downing Street meeting was also attended by Tom King, the defence secretary, Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Attorney-general, and Alan Clark, the minister of state for defence procurement, who as the prime minister's personal emissary has just returned from a tour of friendly Arab states in the Gulf.

On his first day back from holiday, Neil Kinnock, the Labour leader, discussed by

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ical interests in the Arab Gulf.

THE prime minister is ex- telephone the tensions in the region with Gerald Kaufman, his chief foreign affairs spokesman. The Labour

leadership remains opposed to

a recall of Parliament. Leadership sources said Labour did not favour a recall at present because it could "create a drama out of a crisis" with so many British lives at stake. Bringing back MPs and peers would also raise expectations of action that could not be fulfilled. "We should not beighten the tension by taking the immense step of recalling Parliament," a senior insider said. However, Labour might take a different view if there was

some dramatic escalation of Millan-Scott, Tory MEP for the confrontation or if the government took steps with which it disagreed strongly. In another development, it

was disclosed that members of the European Parliament are likely to become the first group of European politicians formally to debate the Gulf Enrique Baron, the Spanish

president of the European Parliament, has called an emergency meeting of its most senior grouping, the 35-strong political committee, for next Tuesday to hold discussions with members of the Brussels commission and the council

York, a member of the committee, said it was necessary to beef up the political dimen-sion of the Community's response to events in the Gulf. It was giving the impression of "sitting on its hands" and was

The Italians, who currently hold the EC presidency, had been "apprehensive" about making moves beyond the agreement to enforce the trade

slowest member.

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Embassy refuge for Britons as more are rounded up

By MICHAEL KNIPE AND ANDREW McEWEN

would be a successful attempt

IRAQ has rounded up a further 82 Britons in Kuwait in addition to 41 at the weekend, bringing the total to British diplomats have

discovered that 48 of them are being held in two civilian buildings, but are unsure of the whereabouts of the others. Iraq has said they will be sent to factories and other strategic places for use as a human shield to deter attack.

Between 65 and 70 Britons in Iraq have taken refuge in the embassy in Baghdad, Others are not being encouraged to enter because of the risk the tract authorities might take some kind of action against the embassy. But there are thought to be 500 Britons in Iraq, and any who go to the embassy will not be turned away. The US embassy has also become a refuge for its citizens.

Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, said that Harold Walker, the British ambassador, was dealing with the situation as best as he could. Mr Hurd and Lynda Chalker, minister for overseas development, attended a special meeting at Downing Street chaired by Margaret Thatcher. He said the Iraqis were moving British citizens around and using them as shields.

"We have taken every opportunity over the weekend, in public and private, to point out to the Iraqis that this behaviour is illegal and repulsive." he said.

Britain and the US were trying yesterday to persuade the Soviet Union to agree to a Security Council resolution under article 42 of the UN Charter. This would authorise the use of force to prevent breaches of the security council's trade sanctions against Iraq. Moscow has said that it would countenance the use of force only if the security council passed such a resolution. But the resolution cannot be passed without Moscow's acquiescence as it has a veto. Its position remained some-

what ambiguous yesterday. Apart from the security council, the problem has been tackled from other directions. Javier Pérez de Cuéllas, the UN secretary-general, has sent his chef de cabinet to Baghdad.

William Waldegrave, minister those of the US, Australia, of state at the Foreign Office, Canada and others had to be is to discuss the matter with worked out. Asked if Britain officials of the International was opposed to a military Red Cross in Geneva. Mr solution. Mr Hurd made it Hurd said it would also be clear that deterrence continraised today at meetings of the ued to be the US-British Western European Union and objective. the European Community for-

"I believe we lived through a very dangerous few days He would try to ensure that when there was a real prospect of an Iraqi attack on Saudi Arabia," he said. "I hope that the solidarity of the European Community over the plight of has been deterred, but we the foreign nationals - which had been very good until now cannot be sure when we are dealing with someone like - would be maintained. In the light of the Iraqi deadline for Saddam Hussein. "That was the reason why the closure of foreign embassies in Kuwait by Friday,

we moved so quickly and why, the I welve had some difficult alongside the US, we have decisions to take. Michael sent our aircraft up front. We Weston, the ambassador, and may have passed that moment his two diplomats have been of immediate danger but that told to stay as long as they can. deterrent needs to remain in "We will seek to make sure we place and so do the forces have people in Kuwait able to needed to impliment the seckeep in touch with our urity council embargo against community there for as long • NICOSIA: Groups of

as is physically possible."
Mr Hurd believed the West-Westerners have been lodged ern European Union meeting with Iraqi families at vital targets in Baghdad, according to bring together under the to an Arab journalist in close cover of the WEU all the contact with Iraq (Michael different contributions mem-Theodoulou writes).

bers had pledged. But military Westerners being used as a forces would stay under their human shield were not kept separately under lock and key, national commands, there being no need for a joint but in heavily guarded comcommand. Effective co-ordinpounds where Iraqis running ation of the WEU's efforts and the vital installations live.



Strategic installations in Iraq where President Saddam has threatened to place Western hostages



On home ground: An oil worker giving the thumbs-up sign on arrival in Moscow from Kuwait yesterday. He was among 134 Soviet workers' families flown out by Aeroflot

Penniless escapers 'receive little financial sympathy'

BANKS and building societies financial ruin. Many of them large number. The help-line is are being unsympathetic to- were on fixed contracts with keeping closely in touch with wards Britons who have ar- hospitals or schools and have the department of social secrived home penniless after not received any wages since escaping from Kuwait and Iraq, it was claimed yesterday.

Robert Hayward, Conservative MP for Kingswood, Bristol, who started the Gulf Support Group help-line for the families of Britons trapped in the conflict area, said he was appalled by the treatment many people had received. "There is evidence that

banks and building societies

are treating people as if they

have just driven up in their car from their house in the suburbs, and not as hostages who have been imprisoned for two weeks, escaped across the desert, and arrived home penniless having left all their possessions behind," he said. Mr Hayward said those who had made the daring trip were special cases and had to be treated as such. They needed more time than usual to deal with financial problems, and some had no idea when they would be able to start earning

again or if they would be able to salvage anything.

the Iraqis occupied Kuwait. They have gone through considerable trauma, yet when they try to sort out their financial problems they are treated unsympathetically."

Joanne Copley, whose sister

Jane was on the British Airways flight which was trapped at the airport in Kuwait, said: "There is a misapprehension that Britons working and living in Kuwait earn large amounts of money and are very rich. This is just not the case. Some have arrived with just £10 in their pockets and many are purses and teachers earning ordinary wages. It is a disgrace the way they are being treated when they arrive

Miss Copley, who also started a help-line, has now joined forces with Mr Hayward and they have details of about 2,000 people, half the number of Britons thought to be trapped in Kuwait and Iraq. Children are among The Gulf Support Group These people are facing does not believe there are a 9920/9921/2506/2562

urity, so that people with financial problems can get the advice they need.

It is not just escapers who are facing money problems, but wives whose Kuwaiti husbands are stuck in the country and who as a result have no income.

The families of those who are trapped have become increasingly anxious, "People are being surprisingly stoic. They are naturally getting more and more anxious, but the community spirit, with neighbours helping families who are worried and upset, is amazing," said Mr. Hayward.

One woman telephoned the help-line in a very distressed state because her daughter, trapped in Kuwait, is due to give birth soon.

"She was very worried and wanted to know if the reports that babies could be denied food was true. We tried to reassure her as much as we could," said Mr Hayward. those trapped, but the group can be contacted on 071 430UNITED NATIONS

Race to win approval for action by warships

From James Bone

RRITAIN and the United States were pushing yesterday to convene the United Nations Security Council to give UN approval to naval action in the Gulf before American warships stop iraqi tankers, The five permanent council

members - Britain, China, France, the Soviet Union and the United States - met yesterday morning after a series of closed-door sessions over the weekend to draft the plan. American officials indicated that the US Navy was waiting for UN action before

stopping two tankers which ignored warning shots across their bows on Saturday. A formal meeting of the council was hoped for late yesterday or today, diplomats said. "The Americans are running out of time," said one Western diplomat. "They have a ship to stop within 24 hours." Britain and the United States, reluctant to place their forces under UN

command, appeared to be-seeking a United Nationa resolution along the lines of that which authorised Britain to stop tankers carrying oil to Rhodesia in 1966. Diplomatic sources said the draft under consideration yesterday called in general terms on members of the United Nations to take action to enforce UN sanctions against lraq. "It will not be a measure

under article 42," said another Western diplomat. "It will be a recourse to chapter VII of the charter." Chapter VII is the section of the UN Charter that deals with "action with respect to threats to the peace,

France gave added impetus to the move to obtain a UN umbrella for naval action in the Gulf by changing its instructions to its warships in the area. Although the exact terms of the new orders were a military secret, diplomatic sources said that they were authorised to take "measures of constraint" to enforce the UN embargo.

Military sources said the new orders allowed French naval ships to stop suspicious cargo vessels and fire warning shots, but said presidential authorisation was needed before the navy could attack a suspect ship.

Moscow finds itself in the difficult position of having taken the lead in calling for a UN command for the navies in the Gulf, and now facing a resolution falling short of establishing a formal United Nations force to impose a UN-mandated blockade.

But it is the Chinese who have expressed the most opposition among the five powers. Ye Mengia, the Chinese representative, said: "We are deeply disturbed by the mounting tension in the Gulf region, and it is our belief that military involvement by the big powers is not conductive to the settlement of the present-

Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, the UN secretary-general, remains optimistic about the chances of a peaceful settlement. "Noteverything that is explosive actually blows up," he told reporters on Sunday in Chile on the second stage of his Latin American tour.

Bush increasingly bunkered by the holiday that must go on From Susan Ellicott

region... the book provides a clear background to the IN WASHINGTON dangerous daily news."

AS IRAQ and the United States move nearer towards outright combat, President Bush looks increasingly like a hostage to his loudly proclaimed holiday plans.

A self-avowed "work hard, play hard" kind of guy, Mr Bush left Washington 10 days ago for a three-week stay at his family estate on the coast of New England, confident that he could stay abreast of an international crisis in between rounds of golf and fishing trips.

For a while, everything looked fine. A smiling Mr Bush received telephone calls from his motorised golf buggy and chatted freely with reporters about the latest developments in the Gulf as he officially

before President Saddam Hussein began rounding up foreigners, including 3,000 Americans.

Now the signs from Kennebunkport, Maine, are that the president's holiday is turning sour. Some of his advisers are wondering how long he can maintain the image of a caring leader from afar as American television news programmes juxtapose pictures of US troops battling 120F temperatures in Saudi Arabia with footage of Mr Bush teeing off on Cape Arundel golf course.

More significantly, the mounting tension between Washington and Baghdad appears to be taking a toll on Mr Bush himself. In past days. he has grown uncharacteristically testy with his regular entourage of

course on Sunday that he does not like "taking questions on serious matters on my vacation".

Only a week earlier, he helped reporters by calling from his cellular phone during a round of golf to find out for them whether reports of the shooting-down of an Iraqi aircraft in the Gulf were true.

Other tell-tale signs of his degenerating humour, according to Bush body-language and behaviour experts, include ever-frantic rounds of golf in blinding rain and a refusal to stop for his usual chat with the minister of his local church after a Sunday service. He ignored reporters and strode to his car. But, as alarm spreads about the

fate of Americans trapped in hostage crisis. Kuwaii, Mr Bush finds himself the

victim of his own efforts to exude calm. Some of his advisers may privately wish he would return to Washington to quell growing criticism that his holiday routine looks frivolous, but they know that this is unlikely to happen.

The White House made such a fuss about Mr Bush's cast-iron holiday plans that any about-turn could unwittingly signal a mood of panic within the administration. "What you don't want to do is appear to be held hostage in the White House to events," Mr Bush declared before he left the capital, anxious to contrast himself with former Democratic president. Jimmy Carter, who hardly left Washington during the Iranian

Mr Bush's press secretary, Mar-

lin Fitzwater, reiterated this line at the weekend as the president broke his holiday, for the second time in a week, to return briefly to Washington for dinner with his national security specialists. Yesterday, he forged ahead with a "business as usual" image by travelling to: Baltimore to address a convention of retired servicemen. Later, he attended a political fund-raising

event in Rhode Island before traveiling back to Maine. Publicly, White House staffers have sought to play down the image of Mr Bush at play as discomfitting only to the American media. As the military build-up continues, there are signs that other Americans, too, are growing impatient with Mr Bush's sang-froid despite their initial overwhelming

support for his handling of Iraq's invasion of Kuwait.

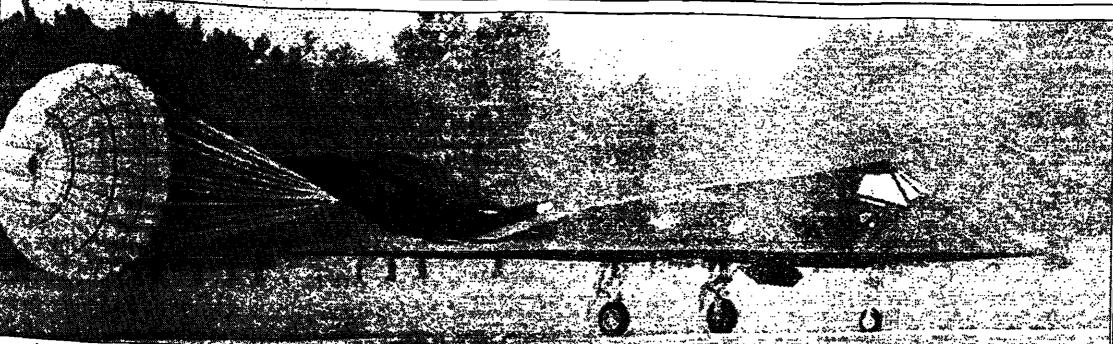
Gradually, the names of the Americans held against their will in Kuwait and Baghdad have started to seep out as their relatives turn to the American media to make known their plight. Yesterday, USA Today, the country's largestcirculation newspaper, ran an emotional front-page interview with the wife of a Texan oil worker who is

President Bush himself risked fuelling concern about the fate of those held when he described them as "hostages" for the first time. In the view of many, however, nothing short of a full-scale emergency will bring Mr Bush permanently. back to the White House before the

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among the detained Americans.

end of his holiday on September 3.



An F117A stealth jet fighter using its brake-parachute while landing at Langley air force base in Virginia yesterday. One of 22 flown from its home base in Nevada, it was due to fly on to the Middle East

BAGHDAD STRENGTH

US searching for past weaknesses in Iraq's defences

By MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

STUDYING the military options for dealing with the Iraqis, the Americans are reported to be in a resolute mood to teach President Saddam Hussein a lesson. But in preparing for war with Iraq, what lessons have already been learnt about Iraqi military capabilities? Is this one million-strong army as formidable as it sounds?

According to the latest intelligence assessment, there are 200,000 Iraqi troops and more than 1,000 tanks on the Saudi border. But they have adopted a position which became all too familiar during the eight-year Iran-Iraq war, Apart from the armoured

thrust into Iran at the beginning of the war in 1980 and a second offensive towards the end when Iraqi forces advanced 450 miles across the factor in deciding what action Iranian border, Iraq spent to take. most of the war waiting for the enemy to attack, sitting behind vast defensive structures. Even its initial assault ran out of steam after less than two

Today, following their rapid invasion of Kawait, the Iraqi forces have returned to their Guard divisions in Kuwait to strategy of building big de- attack Saudi Arabia, they fences and parking their tanks and artillery behind them. In response to the dispatch of US are apparently well stocked forces to Saudi Arabia, Iraq's with equipment, spare parts, struction of a strong defensive main road from Basra. line of earth barriers and antiaircraft batteries. The earthen tained battle? The invasion of equipment. barricades are around Kuwait Kuwait took nine to 12 hours. City and in the desert south. In the war with Iran, they west of the capital and also never fought a sustained battle

Don Kerr, of the International Institute for Strategi Studies, said: "Sitting behind vast defensive structures, waiting for an attack seems to suit their collective

During the war with Iraq, Iran was outnumbered five to one in tanks, nine to one in heavy artillery and six to one in combat aircraft and was nearly defenceless in the face of haq's willingness to use chemical weapons. Iraq should have won, but its failure to achieve any significant gains in eight years should provide the American military planners with con-fidence that the fraqi superiority in manpower and armour

There are now suggestions that the Iraqis may have 10 does not need to be the crucial Soviet Su24 Fencer aircraft, but if they are that new, how good will the Iraqi pilots be at operating them?" Mr Kerr However, the Iraqi military, and in particular the highly trained Republican Guards, The American and British

military are looking for any learned during the latter stages indications of poor morale among the Iraqi troops in of the war with Iran the art of manoeuvring at speed. The American assessment is that, if President Saddam decided Kuwait, it is recognised that they will have to operate with 10 order his seven Republican extended lines of communica-Guard divisions in Kuwait to tion, going back 150 to 200 miles. But; according to a would be capable of moving senior British military source. quickly at short notice. They their communication security is good. So, too, is their ability to conceal troops and armour, military occupation force in food and water. Their supplies even in open ground. One Kuwait has intensified con- are being brought down the concern for President Saddam will be the need to maintain But can they fight a sus- stocks of ammunition and

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for more than 12 days. As one

US official has said: "If we

engaged in a shooting war and

made a concentrated attack,

we can fight 24 hours a day."

Iraq's air force is regarded as third-rate. It has 17 fighter

squadrons and two bomber

squadrons, but it is claimed

that most of its pilots have

been poorly trained and the

government has devoted few

resources to maintaining the

forces. The best pilots are said

to be a group of about 50 who were trained by the French to fly the Mirage F1 fighters. But,

as Mr Kerr pointed out, there

were rumours during the Iran-

Iraq war that the Iraqi Mirage

jets were being flown by

mercenary pilots.

PLO SPLIT-

Arafat struggles to find a diplomatic solution

From MICHAEL THEODOULOU IN NICOSIA

invasion of Kuwait may be (£26 million) a month disastrons economically, politically and strategically for the Palestine Liberation Organisation, but most Palestinians believe that Yassir Arafat could only side with President Saddam Hussein against the United States.

While the PLO has not condoned the invasion, it has yet to condemn it. In the West this has been seen as a gross miscalculation by one of the Middle East's great survivors: he has backed a certain loser.

A rash peace plan in the early days of the crisis that proposed Iraq's troops could be brought out of Kuwait discredited not only later ones but also Mr Arafat's attempts to present himself as an impartial mediator.

Since then statements by PLO officials have been seen in the West as contradictory. evasive and ambignous, designed to give Mr Arafat a chance to abandon the sinking ship and row to pro-Western shores. Most Palestinian commentators believe he will not abandon ship.

Mr Arafat was yesterday trying to find a diplomatic breakthrough that could end the problem and reverse the PLO's fortunes. His plan, inconjunction with North African leaders, calls for Arab forces to oversee an Iraqi withdrawal from Kuwait and then to guarantee the security of neighbouring countries. The plan has led to a split in PLO ranks with some claiming that Mr Arafat's frantic shuttle diplomacy is embarrassing because war is inevitable.

Economically, the Palestinians stand to lose vast sums of aid from their Gulf patrons while Gulf-based Palestinians fear their jobs may be endangered or the transfer of their remittances banned. The total value of remittances sent to the occupied territories is

THE consequences of Irag's estimated at up to \$50 million

Politically, the Gulf tension has split Arab ranks, sidelined the uprising in the Israeli-occupied territories and lost Mr Arafat his nurtured image of

moderation in Western eyes.
Strategically, as most Palestinians see it, the US is determined to topple President Saddam, the first Arab leader who was willing to stand up to Israel. Israeli rightwingers may push even harder to turn Jordan into Palestine. Many Palestinians believe the US wanted a chance to smash Iraq's power base for Israel's sake, but if any officials were angered that President Sad-dam walked straight into the

trap, none has expressed it. Palestinian commentators argue that Mr Arafat could not stand against the tide of popular Palestinian support for Iraq while his leadership was already being challenged

by more radical elements inside and outside the PLO. Nor would he be willing to incur the wrath of the Iraqi leader. Key PLO institutions, including its military headquarters and 5,000 guerrillas, have re-based in Baghdad since they were driven out of Lebanon by

Israel's invasion in 1982. Palestinian officials maintain their position on the dilemma has been misrepresented by the Western media: their support for Iraq does not mean they backed the Kuwait

The PLO's second-in-command, Abu Iyad, said the PLO was doing its best to find an Arab solution to an Arab problem. Palestinian analysts argue that the way Egypt and the PLO lined up after the emergency was a logical extension of what came before. Washington was to blame for pushing the organisation firmly into Iraq's camp.

EMIRATES

Sheikhs coaxed to provide logistical support

From JUAN CARLOS GUMUCIO IN ABU DHABI

OPERATION Desert Shield took on a larger dimension yesterday with a formal agreement to turn the United Arab Emirates into a logistics base for American and Arab troops facing the Iraqi army. At least 16 US Air Force cargo planes are expected to operate from bases in the oil-rich sheikhdoms, ferrying supplies to 90,000 US soldiers in or on

their way to Saudi Arabia. The decision crowned a four-day Gulf tour by Richard Cheney, the US defence secretary, who hailed the agreement as an important demonstration of international cooperation against Iraq. It also formalised the alleged presence of US special forces in Bahrain, and that of the KC135 refuelling tanker air-craft sent earlier this month

Mr Cheney was in Saudi Arabia last night, reportedly discussing the sale of more F15 fighters to Riyadh as part of Washington's efforts to strengthen the kingdom's military power. Details, however, were not known.

on an open-ended basis.

Yesterday five US Air Force C130 cargo transports were said to be operating from al-Batin airbase in the emirates and US officials were quoted as saying that 11 more aircaft were on their way. Reporters travelling with Mr Cheney said they saw American airmen in a hangar adorned with a cardboard sign reading "Welcome to AL-310 TAW. No problem."

The militarisation of the UAE against Iraq marks a significant departure of its cautious approach towards the confrontation and reflected America's power of persuasion in its campaign to enlist as many states as possible against Baghdad. Mr Cheney reminded his hosts that Iraq, with forces entrenched about 200 miles to the north, had threatened the emirates, with the same vigour with which it warned Kuwait months before the invasion, that over-production of oil would not go

Mr Cheney did not disclose the size of the US force to be deployed in the emirates, nor did he say how long American troops would stay. He was, however, evidently satisfied with his mission. After a meeting with President al-Nahayan, Mr Cheney told reporters: "I am especially oleased that US forces are among those accepted by the

unpunished.

UAE in defence of the Gulf." The agreement actively toinvolve the emirates was the result of at least two unprece-dented moves. Mr Cheney was the most senior US official yet to visit the emirates, and it is the first time that the governments of the seven city-states of the southern Gulf had called so openly for foreign military intervention.

Kremlin edges closer to sending ground troops

By Our Defence Correspondent

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incidence that so much pub-

licity was given last week to a

Soviet military exercise in

Odessa. President Gorbachev,

on holiday on the Black Sea.

made a point of addressing the

exercise was that, if Soviet

The relevance of last week's

ground troops being deployed to the Middle East against Iraq can no longer be ruled out. The possibility has already been discussed between James Baker, the US Secretary of State, and Eduard Shevardnadze, the Soviet foreign minister, apparently on the basis that Soviet troops would come under the general command of the Americans.

Soviet troop involvement in the equivalent of marines the short term, it might be and airborne units, based in plausible in the longer term, if the Odessa military district, the confrontation between the would be the first to go

troops are to be dispatched to Although there would seem the Middle East, it is probable to be little likelihood of any that naval infantry forces the Middle East, it is probable

ISRAEL

Political storm on issue of gas masks

From A Correspondent in Jerusalem

CALL by Israel's foreign minister has asked his minminister, David Levy, for the immediate distribution of gas masks to the public is creating political storm in Israel.

Mr Levy said at the weekend that immediate distribution in the face of Iraqi threats against the Jewish state was critical for public safety. "We can no longer postpone this action in the face of the unknown," he said.

The position puts him at odds with the defence minmasks could create a public masks might not be properly oanic here and be misread in Baghdad as a sign that Israel was preparing for an aggressive act.

The disagreement, which burst into newspaper headlines yesterday, indicates heightened tension between Mr Levy and Mr Arens, who are rivals in the right-wing Likud bloc and both hopeful future candidates for prime minister.

The office of the current prime minister. Yitzhak Shamir, stepped in quickly to end the public debate. "The prime on tape and soda in shops.

isters not to discuss the issue publicly any more," Avi Pazner, one of Mr Shamir's An official with the civil

defence, who asked not to be identified, said he believed Mr Levy's call would inflame the public rather than calm it. *We are prepared to distribute masks when the time is right," the civil defence official said. "But now, when there is no direct threat, we fear it could ister, Moshe Arens, who has create panic." He said his decided that distribution of agency also worried that the maintained over long p of time.

Many Israelis are not waiting for the government to act. Traders in Tel Aviv report brisk sales of gas masks, plastic ponchos, rubber boots and gloves.

Newspapers have run full-

page "how to" guides for protection against gas attacks. Their suggestions that people be prepared with tape to seal windows and baking soda to make their clothes more gasresistant have resulted in runs

THE question of Soviet Iraqis and Americans devel- because of their relative oped into a lengthy stalemate. proximity to the region.

In last week's exercise, both naval infantry and airborne forces took part in a rapid deployment scenario. The Soviet naval infantry have no combat experience. They were not used in Afghanistan. But they and airborne forces would be the obvious choice if Moscow decided to send troops to the Middle East.

Richard Waff, editor of Jane's Soviet High Command said yesterday that the naval infantry units attached to all four Soviet fleets consisted of a total of 80,000-100,000 men. This compares with 200,000

American marines.

Mr Waff said that there would be almost impenetrable command and control difficulties if Soviet and American troops fought together. He said: "One possibility would be for Soviet forces to operate from Syria, where there is a lot of Soviet equipment." ■ MOSCOW: An Iraqí spe-

cial envoy has arrived in Moscow for talks on the Gulf, it was announced here yesterday. Sadoun Hammadi the deputy prime minister and member of the Iraqi Revolutionary Command Council, came on Iraq's initiative (Mary Dejevsky writes). Moscow indicated that it

would make clear that its preference for a political settlement depended on Iraq withdrawing its troops from Kuwait. "It is very important that Iraq observe the UN resolution on the withdrawal foreign ministry spokesmar Yuri Gremitskikh, said.

Later Tass reported that Mr Hammadi had had a threehour meeting with Mr Shevardnadze. The talks were described as "consultations" rather than negotiations.

Hinting that these may have been less than amicable, Tass quoted Mr Shevardnadze as saying that the meeting had been "an exchange of information and views, or a compari-son of views with due account for the situation in the

AMMAN

Parade of old fears rekindles spirit of Arab unity

From Christopher Walker IN AMMAN

'I and my brother

against my cousin, and I and my cousin against the stranger

THAT centuries-old Arabic saving has been dusted down since the Gulf confrontation. both to explain how former opponents have united in a new wave of Arab nationalism, and to express the hope that others will join a pro-Iraqi alliance if the Iraqis and Americans ever become em-

The revival of Arab nationalism has been most pro-nounced in the formerly pro-Western kingdom of Jordan, where yesterday a de facto coalition of left-wingers, na-tionalists, and the Muslim Brotherhood was unveiled as part of a popular campaign to resist the foreign presence in Saudi Arabia and the Gulf.

The new Jordanian National Front in the 80-seat lower house reflected a linking of formerly hostile forces (notably Islamists and secularists) in a number of Arab League states, including Algeria, Yemen, Tunisia, Mauritania and Somalia.

All the alliances have come together to express backing for President Saddam Hussein. They have been joined by Palestinian splinter groups and the mainstream Palestine Liberation Organisation whose leader, Yassir Arafat, has publicly hitched the Palestinian cause to Iraq.

The tide of pan-Arab nationalism unleashed by President Saddam is being opposed by 12 members of the Arab League, led by Egypt, whose first president, Gama Abdel Nasser, was the last leader to attract such wide pan-Arab support.

A Muslim Brotherhood official said yesterday: "Regardless of our opinion of Saddam Hussein, King Fahd's invitation of American troops to the holy land was totally unacceptable. Jerusalem was already under Israeli occupation and now the two most important Islamic shrines (Mecca and Medina) left were under American control."

President Saddam has worked effectively to strengthen the Islamic content in his struggle against the US. He has also exploited anti-Americanism, resentment between the oil-rich Arab states and their poorer brethren, and the bogey of Israel.

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The sudden reversal of tensions between Islamists and secularists in the pro-Iraqi states is seen as a result of the populist support for Iraq's stand. As yet, this has had little effect in Egypt or Syria.

The Islamic fundamentalists did not previously have high regard for Iraq because it was known as a state where wine and women were freely available - Kuwaitis were some of the biggest spenders in Iraqi brothels. But that initial distaste ap-

pears to have been overtaken in what many commentators in Jordan believe may eventually end as a struggle pitting the Islamic nations against the West, led by the United States. The main unifying factor has been a conviction that the US has employed double stan-

dards in its attitude to Israel and Iraq. Arabs from all classes in Jordan draw bitter comparisons with what they cite as Washington's slowness to react to Israeli occupation of the West Bank, Gaza Strip and Golan Heights, compared with the speed of its mobilisation over Kuwait. The Palestinians combine

their opposition to what they term "American hypocrisy" with an impassioned belief that President Saddam is the only Arab strongman prepared to stand up for their cause. Few contemplate how far it could be set back if he is defeated in a military struggle.



United States marine recruits trying on gas masks during basic training at the Parris Island Marine Corps Recruit Depot in South Carolina recently

Egyptian men line up to 'bring down the dictator in Baghdad'



Mubarak: widely backed

From RICHARD OWEN IN CAIRO

IN A DUSTY tree-lined street yesterday, hundreds of Egyptians gathered outside the Saudi embassy in Cairo, a white three-storey building near the Nile. By noon, the numbers had swelled to about a thousand.

They were not there to support President Saddam Hussein or burn American and British flags, but to sign up as volunteers to fight Iraq and "bring down the dictator in Baghdad", as one put it.

Since the Arab League summit in Cairo voted 12-4 ten days ago to send Arab troops to help defend Saudi Arabia, President Mubarak has won overwhelming support among Egyptians for his stand. Even the opposition Muslim

Brotherhood has bowed to the public mood, deploring "foreign intervention" but condemning Irao's actions.

Despite the influence of Islamic fundamentalism in Egypt, President Saddam's appeal to Muslims to rise up against their governments has fallen on deaf ears here. Yesterday Sheikh Hamed Abul Nasser, the leader of the Muslim Brotherhood, agreed to meet Nabil Negero, the Iraqi ambassador to Cairo. However, to the obvious chagrin of Iraqi diplomats, he emerged still calling for Iraqi forces

to leave Kuwait. Yesterday the Egyptian press could hardly conceal its glee at the prospect of Western military action. The opposition newspaper al-Wafd said that by using foreigners as hostages and threatening to use poison gas, President Saddam had played his only remaining cards. "All that remains is his execution."

Such anti-Iraqi zeal was shared yesterday by the volunteers outside the Saudi embassy and at the United Arab Emirates embassy nearby. "We have to protect the holy places of Islam in Saudi Arabia," one man said, as he bent over a blisteringly hot car bonnet to fill in his application form.

Most Egyptians echo the view of the Mubarak government that Arabs must protect Mecca, and few seem to accept President Saddam's argument that the real conflict is between Islam and the West and that the presence of American troops in Saudi Arabia is itself a desecration of Muslim sites.

Egyptians have no lack of reasons for opposing the Saddam

regime. Egyptian workers in Iraq had been systematically maltreated long before the current confrontation.

Egypt, as the most populous Arab state, greatly resents President Saddam's attempts to pose as leader of the entire Arab "nation". Official Egyptian anger with Baghdad is fuelled by the fact that the Iraqi leader's actions, and the support he has received from the Palestine Liberation Organisation, have undermined years of diplomatic efforts by Egypt to bring about Arab-Israeli peace talks.

There is, however, an economic cost involved in Cairo's firm stand, and Egyptian officials are clearly worried. A further contingent of Egyptian troops arrived in Saudi Arabia at the weekend. Although Cairo expects Wash-

ington to help pay for the Egyptian war effort - Egypt already receives \$2.3 billion (£1.19 billion) in US aid annually – Egyptians will undoubtedly have to shoulder some of the burden. The Egyptian economy, moreover, will suffer further from a sudden drop in the income normally derived from Egyptian migrant workers in Iraq and the Gulf region.

Whether the conflict in the Gulf drags on or is ended by military action, President Saddam can be expected to step up his efforts to break the alliance ranged against him, and to bring down the Muharak government. The socalled "Voice of Arab Egypt" radio station, based in Iraq, is calling on Egyptians to turn against the West, rise up against President Mubarak, and attack "imperialist targets".

By QUENTIN COWDRY

MANY criminals could be unfairly sentenced under government plans to allow courts to impose unusually tough punishments on persistent violent and sexual offenders, lawyers and penal reformers said yesterday.

The Law Society and the National Association for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders (Nacro) said that unless ministers defined this category of offender, courts were likely to use the power to impose unjustly long sentences.

However, the plans, which are part of a Protecting the Public says, however, that package of criminal justice proposals to be put to Parliament in the autumn, were welcomed by the Magistrates' Association and the Bar Association which said that they were necessary to protect the public from serious harm.

A keystone of the proposals, which ministers hope will pave the way for a further fall in the prison population, is that courts should base sentencing more closely on the offence committed and pay less attention, where recidivists are involved, to previous criminal records. The white paper Crime, Justice and

the "proportionality" rule should be waived where persistent violent and sexual offenders are concerned. In practice, this would mean that such offenders would attract nearer the maximum penalty for any offence.

The proposals are, in the main, liberal. The exception clause is widely seen as an attempt by the government to provide a sweetener to the right wing in the Conservative party and to those voters who regard sentencing policy as too

Paul Cavadino of Nacro said that

ministers were mistaken if they felt that the public would welcome a move which offended the fundamental principle that punishment should match the crime."It will be widely seen as unfair that someone who has committed a minor offence is punished more severely not because of what they have done but because of someone's guess of the likelihood of them reoffending."

The Law Society said that ministers needed also to stipulate in more detail the kind of previous criminal record which would allow courts to depart from the proposed sentencing norms. Stephen

Ridley, secretary of the society's criminal law committee, said that if the provision was framed too loosely it would be used by judges as a way of getting round the new sentencing rules. Judges, he added, were more procustody orientated than the government

Mr Ridley said that he believed that the clause, which if strictly applied would apply to only a very small number of offenders, had been devised to win over right-wing Tories to the government's putative "punishment in the community" regime. John Hosking,

ation, said that the initiative, highlighted by John Patten, the Home Office minister of state, over the weekend, was welcome because it strengthened the deterrent impact of senten-

"One of the most frustrating things for both magistrates and the public is to see the same people constantly coming up before the courts, apparently undeterred by previous sentences," Mr Hosking

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Labour says capping brings £36m schools cuts

EDUCATION budgets have the loss of up to 300 teaching local authorities charge-capp-Labour party claimed

Measures taken by some for the repayment of capital councils to stay within spend- debt. Most of the other closure of a music service and the abolition of swimming lessons for primary children. Most authorities believe that their cuts will restrict the ability of schools to teach the national curriculum.

Labour's survey is the first to examine the impact on ducation of charge-capping in detail. Although the authorities attempts to spread the cuts between services has kept the average reduction in education spending to less than I The other danger area, per cent of their education budgets, Derek Fatchett, the vey, was repairs and mainteparty's education spokesman, said that every area of the service would be damaged.

He added that unless government policy changed, the authorities would almost certainly have to make teachers redundant next year. Islington is drawing up plans for cuts four times as great as the present economies, which total more than £1 million, while Doncaster's projected cuts of £4 million could mean

Protester asks for Swedish asylum

A MAN aged 70 has applied for political asylum in Sweden after his poll tax bill was

increased by £233. Ken King, of Long Eaton, near Nottingham, made the written approach to Sweden's Ambassador in London following the poll tax reassessment by Erewash Borough council, which will effectively treble his payments.

"I don't think any other povernment would see people squeezed and squeezed as they are here," Mr King said. "If they are prepared to accept me in Śweden I will go."

In a separate case, an 89year-old war veteran and his wife were ordered to pay their £800 poll tax bill by Newbury magistrates yesterday. Richard McMillan, of The Common, Frilsham, Berkshire, had returned his OBE medal to Buckingham Palace in disgust in July. Mr Patten has said at a poil tax double his former

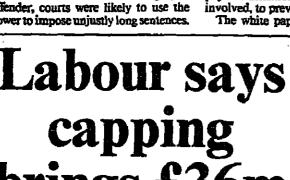
Mr McMillan, supported by around 20 protestors, was the first of 1,621 people that a council, when setting a summonsed to appear before substitute community charge, Newbury magistrates for fail- should use the estimate of the ure to pay the charge. They default rate made when the imposed a liability order for community charge was orighis poll tax of £382.18 and £12 inally set. costs. A similar order was made against his wife Joan, aged 72.

After the hearing, Mr MoMillan said: "What I would of the hearing. Robert Carnlike to do now is take the wath, QC, counsel for Harinmoney to the prison cell but gey, said that the minister's my wife does not like sleeping view of the provisions of the on bare boards on the floor." • National anti-poll tax narrow. There was no suggescampaigners joined a fight by tion that the council's default

flat owner Jonathan Davies to estimate of 10 per cent was help to keep bailiffs out of his over-pessimistic or unreasonhome in Wandsworth, south able, he said. London, yesterday (Lin Jen-

Magistrates had last month granted a liability order on Mr Davies for non-payment of the poll tax. He has still not paid and the bailiffs had indicated that they would take action on or after August 20. All day, campaign members with walkie-talkies checked vehicle registration numbers for those allegedly belonging to the bailiffs. They also blocked the way to the flat but

the bailiffs did not show up. Sir Paul Beresford, leader of Wandsworth Council, insisted he would not bow to the pressure of anti-poll tax campaigners and that the council was determined to collect the charge, using bai-liffs if necessary, from Mr Davies and more than 100 other Wandsworth residents for whom liablity orders had been granted.



By JOHN O'LEARY, HIGHER EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

been cut by a total of more jobs, he said. Only Camden, of than £36 million in the 17 the authorities charge-capped the authorities charge-capped this year, has been able to ed by the government, the protect education completely. The council has done that by switching funds earmarked

ing limits have included the authorities have used their reserves to reduce the impact of the cuts, but may be unable to do so next year.

Mr Fatchett said that fur-ther and adult education, youth services and other nonstatutory services were suffering most. Avon and Derbyshire had reduced further education budgets by about £1 million and a new tertiary college at Barnsley, South Yorkshire, had lost £500,000 of its funding before it opened.

nance. Some authorities had pared spending to the point where they would be in serious trouble if any of their schools needed major structural repairs.

The education department said, however, that most authorities had managed to plan their education services without setting overall budgets that were so excessive as to need capping.

· Chris Patten, the environment secretary, yesterday asked the High Court to quash a decision by Haringey council, north London, to set a new community charge of £536 instead of the £508 demanded by the government.

The authority has said that it could not reduce the charge by the required amount because the collection rate was lower than expected, and it has defied government orders to cut its poll tax from £572 per head to £508.

David Keene, QC, counsel

for Mr Patten, said that the council's resetting of the charge on the basis of 10 per cent non-payment rather than its original estimate of 5 per cent was unlawful and beyond its powers. He said that the case concerned how far the budget reductions ordered by the minister were to be carried through into lower community charges. The outcome of the case was of importance to all local authorities and chargepayers in England and Wales, Mr Keene said.

Haringey's original budget calculation for the financial year beginning in April was £216.5 million. That was capped by £10 million to £206.5 million, which led to the council setting its new rate that Haringey failed to comply with the provisions of the 1988 Local Government Finance Act, which required

Temporary injunctions preventing Haringey from issuing new poll tax demands Act was blinkered and too

The hearing will continue today.



Richard Harris collecting money vesterday to try to save the Young Vic from closure

Theatres rally round to save

By Simon Tait ARTS CORRESPONDENT

THEATRES and actors in London's West End are rallying round to help the Young Vic to raise £100,000 to avoid closing at the end of next month, Richard Harris, who is playing the leading role in Henry VI at Wyndham's Theatre, made the first of a series of stage appeals last night in the "bucket project" to help the Young Vic theatre to raise the money it needs. Buckets were rattled in the fover at the end of the performance to encourage donations from the departing audience. The company of Les Liaisons Dangereuses at the Ambassadors is to follow suit

Since the Save the Young Vic Campaign was launched on August 12, £74,000 has been raised towards the target needed to carry out essential renovations to qualify for a theatre licence. An anonymous donation of £25,000

as are other West End and

arrived last weekend. Benefit performances are being given by the Royal peare Company (of Pericles), the company of The Woman in Black at the Fortune, and at the Young Vic itself of its present production of Arthur Miller's The Man Who Had All the Luck.

The Young Vic has accu-mulated a deficit of £220,000, and after its £100,000 target is reached another £250,000 will have to be raised to carry out further restoration of the

Squabbles put Tory chief's Young Vic future in doubt

party, will return from holiday in Italy at the end of the month to face his biggest political challenge. His oppo-nents will spend the autumn trying to persuade the prime minister that it is time for him to be relieved of his post. Discontent among main-

stream Tories over Mr Forsyth's style of leadership has grown in the three weeks since Douglas Young, his most senior official at the party's Edinburgh headquarters, resigned. The resignation is believed

to have been the culmination of disputes between supporters of Mr Forsyth and Maicolm Rifkind, the Scottish secretary, that caused Mr Young, director of campaigns and operations, to leave his £50,000 a year job after eight months Arthur Bell, chairman of the

Scottish Tory Reform Group, said: "There are now serious problems with the management of the party. These have to be looked at and resolved. One has to carry on questioning who is running central office, what is their experience and how many elections have they masterminded.

"We are going into the nex general election fighting for our political life and this requires the most experienced and skilled organisation. It is up to Mr Forsyth to answer these questions." In a reference to oposition

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squirrels. But this did little to

laced with rat poison are the

most efficient way of con-

trolling grey squirrels. The animal has to crawl up 2

small tunnel and push open a

flap door to reach the bait.

The difficulty has been to

devise a way of allowing the

grey squirrel in while keep-

ing out other small

Hoppers holding grain

keep numbers down.

MICHAEL Forsyth, chairman to Mr Forsyth, a senior Tory of the Scottish Conservative said: "We are firing off the odd bullets and we hope that some will find their mark. Over the coming months we will seek to persuade Mrs Thatcher that he should go. We will continue chipping away but, at the same time, we will be constructive in promoting our policies to the electorate.

Supporters of Mr Forsyth are keen to see the hatches buried, nervous that the sniping will affect his position as party chairman. One said: "I believe the events in the Middle East have made the reality of a June election a possibility. We cannot afford the luxury of internal disception.

Both Michael and Malcolm are excellent men in their jobs and it is vital for them to be seen to set on together. It has been more a case of periodic irritation with each other than any deepseated animosity."

Oil firms put petrol up by 3.2p

Three more of Britain's largest oil companies raised petrol prices by 3.2p a gallon last night as fears rose that motorists will suffer even bigger increases over the next few weeks (Kevin Eason writes).

Esso, BP and Texaco followed Shell's decision at the weekend to put up the price of four-star petrol to 217.8p a gallon. Unleaded fuel is now 204.1p. With more than 8,000 forecourts now charging re-cord prices, other oil firms are expected to follow quickly.

Yesterday's decision is not, however, expected to be the last; Opec is in confusion and analysts are predicting that any fighting in the Gulf will push the cost of oil over \$30 (£15.80) a barrel.

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The oil companies, which say they are reflecting petrol prices in Rotterdam that have risen by 39 per cent since July, believe they may have to put up pump prices again as uncertainty over the Middle East grows,

Ten arrests in £2m drug haul Customs officials were yes-

terday questioning nine men and a woman at Torquay police station, after £2 million of cannabis resin was seized at a service station near Exeter. Four of the group were arrested at Brixham, Devon, where 600 kilograms of the drug were brought ashore on Sunday from Good Hope, a trawler, Devon and Cornwall police said. The resin was transferred to a van. When the vehicle stopped at the Granada Services on the M5, five more people were arrested and a tenth person was arrested in the London area. It is believed that the cannabis came from Morocco.

Britons in lead

After three rounds of the Lloyds Bank Masters Chess Tournament at the Cumberland hotel in London, several British players share the lead. Murray Chandler, Glenn Flear, Mark Hebden and Mihai Suba have a 100 per cent. score so far. Alex Wojtkiewicz. a Polish player, also has three points out of three. The event is the largest and most important open tournament to be held in the UK.

Brawl on ferry

A Dutchman with a broken jaw was flown to hospital by helicopter from a Channel ferry after a British stag party got out of hand. Police said that a fight broke out at about 3am on Sunday on the Olau Britannia which bound from Sheerness, Kent, to The Netherlands. The 38 Britons were met by police on their return to Britain. Four men held for questioning have been released on bail.

Hundreds of drug users get driving ban

SEVERAL hundred people each year are being banned from driving after being tested by doctors for drug-taking, the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Centre said yesterday (Quentin Cowdry writes).

Dr John Irvine, head of the centre's medical advisory branch, said that the figure was "more than 100 and less than 1,000".

Drivers were called in for urine tests as a result of information passed to the centre by police and doctors but in a few cases anonymous information came from the public. He said: "The test is qualititative rather than quantitative in nature but drivers should realise that drugs like cannabis are hallucinogenic and can impair reflexes. Under the Road Traffic Act, the Secretary of State for Transport has a duty to ensure that people holding licences

are not a danger whilst driving." The number of cases referred to the centre had increased in recent years as the dangers of drug-taking and excessive drinking to drivers had become more widely appreciated.

John Jolly, deputy director of Release, a governmentfunded voluntary organisation providing advise to drug misusers, said he unreservedly condemned people who drove while under the influence of drugs. Where a test was positive it did not, however, prove that the driver had been irresponsible.

cannabis can turn in a positive sample up to 30 days after he has consumed the drug," he

"Someone who has smoked

Woodsmen losing squirrel battle By MICHAEL HORNSBY AGRICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

JOHN Warde has given up and oak in the 700 acres of woodland on the Squerryes Court estate near Westerham, Kent. His family, who have lived there for more than two centuries, are fighting a losing battle against a more recent arrival - the grey squirrel.

These days the only newly planted sycamores on the estate are self-sown ones. easily identifiable by dead leaves and bark-stripped stems. "People think grey squirrels are nice, cuddly creatures and that killing them is cruel, but they have made any sensible planting of broadleaf trees impossible," Mr Warde said.

The grey squirrel was introduced to Britain from North America at the start of the century. It has been vandalising trees for decades and has long been recognised by woodsmen as a pest, Controlling the bushy-tailed rodent has, however, taken on a new urgency.

The squirrels seem to be getting more numerous, partly it is thought because more have survived two consecutive mild winters. At the same time the government is encouraging planting of the kind of trees on which they most like to feed.

"If we do not quickly organise a proper squirrel control scheme, then all the new broadleaved forests we are trying so hard to develop could be wiped out," said Andrew Christic-Miller, chairman of Timber Growers United Kingdom, which represents private sector forestry. Ninety per cent of

hands. Britain is one of the least wooded countries in officer at the Forestry Com-Europe. The Countryside mission's research station Commission last year annear Farnham, Surrey. nounced a scheme to plant 12 forests of mixed conifer

and broadleaved trees on the fringes of blighted industrial areas. The agriculture ministry is also paying farmers to grow trees rather than cereals, with a premium for such species as oak, beech and

Broadleaved hardwoods are more vulnerable to squirrel attack than the conifers favoured by commercial forestry. Sycamore and beech are the squirrels' chief addiction, but they also like oak. larch, maple, sweet chestnut most at risk when they are

and horse chestnut. Trees are between 10 and 40 years old. "Fewer than 5 per cent of

said Harry Pepper, wildlife mission's research station "That only harmens if the squirrels ring-bank a tree by tearing off the bark all the way round the base of the trunk, cutting off the flow of sap to the leaves. More often the squirrels strip off bark higher up,

which rots or becomes infected. Often the entire crown will die, disfiguring the tree and making it useless as timber. For some reason, possibly to do with sexual competition between young and old males, squirrels only behave in this way in May, June and July."

In the late 1950s and early 1960s the agriculture ministry paid a bounty of a shilling (later raised to two

In North America, where it does not show the same hooligan tendencies, the grey squirrel is a delicacy, stuffed and roasted or in a stew flavoured with walnut catsup. This is a taste that has yet to catch on here, but the prospect of reducing squirrel numbers by eating them is: not promising.

mammals.



Up a tree: John Warde inspecting grey squirrel damage to a horse chestnut

C calls for 'green' shop stewards in the workplace yesterday Mr Edmonds, and Nor- ducers, will have to be largely

By Michael McCarthy **ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT**

THE Trades Union Congress yesterday envisaged an army of "green" shop stewards watching out for industrial pollution from the workplace when it called for the labour movement to have a leading role in environmental policy making.

The estimated 250,000 union health and safety representatives in factories and offices should have additional environmental responsibilities, said John Edmonds, chairman of the TUC's environmental action group, launching the group's report which is to be presented to the TUC congress next month. Unions should be closely involved with the growing management prac-

tice of environmental auditing, he said, pressing managements to carry out and publish such audits and taking part in the audits themselves.

If the report is accepted at the congress. Mr Edmonds said, the TUC would seek a meeting with Chris Patten, the environment secretary, and with the CBI, to call for the establishment of environmental auditing as a normal part of management practice, with audits published every year in the manner of financial accounts. If the voluntary approach failed, the TUC would press for

legislation to bring them in, he said. The TUC's anitude to the range of global environmental problems, from the greenhouse effect to acid rain, is also set out in the report, and

man Willis, TUC general secretary, switched to gas fuelling if such a said they wanted union thinking to move on from "black and white cuts in miners' jobs. Mr Edmonds attitudes" which sometimes saw the preservation of jobs in polluting industries, or the ending of pollu- energy efficiency and restricting tion, as simple alternatives.

However, the report does not discuss the employment implications of its most ambitious policy, a call for UK emissions of carbon dioxide, the principal gas causing the greenhouse effect, to be stablised at present levels by the year 2000. five years ahead of the government's Own target. Many energy analysts believe that coal-fired power stations, which with motor vehicles are the principal carbon dioxide pro-

target is to be met, which implies said, however, that the TUC believed the target could be met by vehicle emissions.

The report also avoids another question raised by the 2000 target, the possible role of nuclear power in future electricity generation, over which Mr Edmonds admitted that his action group, like the whole union movement, is split,

 New industrial pollution measures requiring the installation of costly "clean" manufacturing equipment is threatening the viability of hundreds of firms, the Engineering

Employers' Federation is warning the government (Kevin Eason. writes). The federation, which represents almost 5,000 companies, will meet the pollution inspectorate next month to ask for assurances over the implementation of the measures in the forthcoming Environmental Protection Act.

The employers' organisation says that some companies will be faced with bills of hundreds of thousands of pounds to install equipment that complies with the regulations. It says that the main problem with early guidelines is that the environment department has considered only the technical solutions to the "greening" of industry, but not the economic implications.

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Drowned woman's husband a liar and cheat, coroner says

THE WIFE of a policeman drowned in the whirlpool bath by pathologists as probably who drowned in a jacuzzi at the couple's timeshare villa non-accidental. The officer, unlawfully killed, a coroner said yesterday. He also described PC Alan Waldock, Portugal for a year before a who has been cleared of her court cleared him of murder. murder by a court, as a liar and a cheat.

Northumberland coroner, the Northumbria force and said that he rejected his story that his wife Doris's death was an accident. Mr McCreath said: "Had the standard of proof been the balance of probability I would have returned a verdict of unlawful killing. But as the standard of proof is beyond reasonable doubt such a verdict is not open to me."

Instead the coroner returned an open verdict on the fall, he said, accounted for six

yesterday in which a mother

and her son aged 3 were being

A note dropped from an

upstairs window by Yvonne Licorish, aged 33, alerted

neighbours that she and her

son were trapped by a man

with a knife. Roads around

the street in Reading, Berk-

shire, were sealed off as eight

police donned riot gear and

prepared to storm the terraced

house. Other detectives took

up observation positions in

neighbouring houses.

Police in riot

gear halt siege

POLICE in riot gear burst into were in the house. Police were

a house to end a 15-hour siege alerted when Miss Licorish

the police.

in Albuscira in the Algarve in March 1988. Her husband, aged 36, was held in custody in

PC Waldock of Wansbeck lan McCreath, the north berland, is back on duty with has custody of their son Christopher, aged seven. He had told the coroner at

an earlier hearing that the drowning was a tragic accident. He said his wife was alone in the jacuzzi when he walked in and saw her floating face down. In a state of "complete panic" he tried to drag her out but dropped her twice then ran for help. The 33-year-old nurse, who bruses on her head recorded

dropped the note from the

window. Another man who

was also in the house, left to

buy food but instead went to

Mr Alleyne went to the back

of the house to answer a police

telephone call. As he briefly

emerged into the garden,

where police negotiators were

behind a wall, other officers

burst through the front door.

Miss Licorish and her son

were led by two policewomen

from the house to an un-

About 20 minutes later,

who admitted affairs with other women, had gone on holiday with his wife to patch up their marriage. He said that he confessed to her that he was having an affair with a married nurse, Moira Holt, but claimed that he did not want to leave his wife.

Mr McCreath said: "I had considerable difficulty with any attempt to believe his version of what happened when they were alone in the jacuzzi as honest and accurate in every respect. One cannot be sure about precisely what happened. There may have been some form of argument about his admission of an affair with Mrs Holt. "I consider that Mr Wal-

dock did commit an unlawful act, was reckless or grossly negligent but I cannot be sure beyond reasonable doubt about that." He said that an officer who knew first aid would be unlikely to panic in such a situation. He doubted the account of how he failed to drag his wife from water which only reached his waist. Mr McCreath said: "I had the opportunity to assess Mr Waldock as a witness for lengthy periods of time. He was articulate and plausible

but my lasting impression was that he was as easy lying under oath as he was with the truth." At the hearing PC Waldock's solicitor, David Twigg, and a lawyer for Mrs Waldock's family both announced that they were considering appealing to have the open verdict set aside. Mr Twigg said he wanted an accidental verdict recorded, while Barry Speker said the family might seek a verdict of



the grounds of Kensington Palace has been commissioned from Geoffrey Shakerley to mark her 60th birthday today (Alan Hamilton writes). No official celebrations are planned for what is the royal family's third big personal anniversary this year, after the Queen Mother's 90th birthday and the Princess Royal's 40th. Princess Margaret will go to a family dinner party at Balmoral tonight, attended by many family members

Edinburgh, the Prince and Princess of Wales and the Princess Royal. Born at Glamis Castle in 1930, Princess Margaret was the first member of the royal family in line of succession to the throne to be born in Scotland since the future Charles I entered the world at Dunfermline in 1600. Her life, to some extent consigned to the shadow of her elder sister, was made no easier by the political humbug that pre-

Group Captain Peter Townsend, in the 1950s and publicity surrounding the failure of her marriage to Lord Snowdon. Princess Margaret maintains a considerable portfolio of patronages, including the chancellor-ship of Keele University, and colonelin-chief of Queen Alexandra's army nurses. There will be a birthday telegram today from the 600,000 members of what is perhaps her favourite and best-known patronage.

Guinness jurors to retire on 107th day

By PAUL WILKINSON

THE jury in the Guinness trial is expected to retire today, the 107th day of the hearing at Southwark crown court in south London, to consider its verdicts.

The judge, Mr Justice Henry, said that he expected to send out the jury after today's luncheon adjournment. They are likely to take some time to reach decisions on the 22 counts facing the four defendants.

Ernest Saunders, former chairman and chief executive of Guinness, and three other businessmen, have denied all charges which arise from their alleged involvement in an illegal share support operation. The prosecution claims that it was set up in 1986 to ensure the brewing group's success in a takeover battle with Argyll, the supermarket chain, for control of Distillers, the Scottish drinks group.

With Mr Saunders in the dock are Gerald Ronson, chairman of the Heron Group; Anthony Parnes, the stockbroker, and Sir Jack Lyons,

The jury has heard 75 days of evidence and ten days of speeches since mid-February. Yesterday the judge, on the fourth day of his summing up, continued to take them through the indictment explaining the prosecution case as well as setting defence arguments against it.

The judge reminded the jury last night to bring sufficient clothing and medications to last for the period of their retirement. He warned them that they would not be allowed to read newspapers or listen to television and radio bulletins during their retirement in case they included material that impinged upon

The siege began on Sunday marked police car. They were night when Victor Alleyne, driven to Reading police aged 30, and Miss Licorish GP sets aside politics to shop around for care

DR COLIN Leon, whose practice lies in one of the most deprived areas of the country, in Gateshead, Newcastle upon Tyne, is a Labour voter, but he believes that the only way he can improve standards of health care and make his service more cost-effective is to take that the only way he can improve standards of health care and make his service more cost-effective is to take control of his budget.

"I have no time for Thatcherite beliefs but I-do think that competition will improve quality. There is no. justification for maintaining a service which is inadequate: and inefficient just because, it has always been there."

Under the fund holding scheme, GPs will be given an average budget of £1 million to cover most practice costs, including drugs and some non-urgent hospital treat ment. If a practice saves. money by prescribing generic drugs, for example, it can spend the saving on hiring more staff or performing more minor surgery. Dr Leon admits that some

hospitals could lose their financial viability and those. that specialise in certain treatments would be more likely to attract referrals. However, he says, once money starts following the patient, the best hospitals

will gain.

The doctor, who is aged 62, has practised at Felling Health Centre, Gateshead for more than 35 years. His surgery was rebuilt three years ago to house ante-natal, health promotional and diabetes clinics as well as an operating room for minor surgery. The practice, which has a register of 8,000 patients, is merging with one down the road to make it eligible to hold its own

In spite of his political views, Dr Leon is also a member of the NHS reform group, which condemned the British Medical Association's scare campaign against the reforms. The doctor is convinced that GPs who control their budgets will be much more able to to dictate standards. He has already written a protocol which is being discussed

About 400 GPs with patient lists of more than 9,000 have applied to control their own budgets from next April as

with the other practice to push for higher standards from hospital consultants.

Dr Leon and his partners intend to do more minor procedures and most diagnostic tests in their surgery, and to spend the money saved on hospital fees on improving patient care. They will refer patients to hospital for more complex non-urgent operations but they will negotiate lengths of stay and choose day surgery where appropriate. The GPs will also agree with the consultant any post-operative care once the patient has returned home in an attempt to reduce unnecessary hospital visits.

Patients will not be expected to wait for more than six weeks for an out-patient visit and they should receive routine hospital treatment within three months. They will, however, be able to choose if they want more

prompt treatment elsewhere.
Dr Leon has not submitted his proposals to the consultants yet. "If they turn round and say 'come off it', then we will just say we will



"No point in

go down the road and try another hospital." He says that patients at the local Nuffield private hospital are being seen within six days by the same consultants who worked in the NHS. "You have to wait a year for an ophthalmological opinion in Newcastle, but if a patient can afford it privately, he can get it from the same guy

within a week." Dr Leon concedes that if the private hospital offers a eaper deal, a short waiting list and high quality standards, he would send his patients there. He also admits that he could change 25 per cent or more of his referral pattern, by negotiating more cost-effective deals.

Although Kenneth Clarke, the health secretary, has assured the prime minister that very little will change in the first year or two of the reforms, he admits that the budget scheme is a "wild card" because it is the least predictable.

A split is now emerging within the health department about whether the scheme should be changed to minimise the risk of disrupting services as doctors will, in theory, be able to change their referral practices at a whim. Some health officials argue that the only way to ensure that GPs do not change patterns of care too unpredictably is to impose strict monitoring, and encourage block contracts to be negotiated in advance, reflecting existing referral

patterns wherever possible. Other members of the NHS management executive want to limit the number of GPs given control of their budgets to 300 or less, while allowing them total freedom. They believe restricting GPs who wish to hold their budgets would discourage and disillusion the enthusiasts.

Dr Leon agrees, resenting the notion of any controlling hand. He is concerned, however, that hospitals will not have accurate enough prices for treatment procedures by next April, which could make budgeting difficult.



"My Rolex is more than just a watch, In everything that it makes me feel dressed." I feel it's not completely

she does, Dame Kiri Te Kanawa combines a remarkable liveliness and spontaneity with an absolute obsession with perfection.

She delights in Strauss and Mozart "because the women in their operas are contradictory: warm and cool at the same time." Two of her favourite roles, for example, are the sad young Countess in Le Nouve di Figaro and the frenzied, passionate Donna Elvira in Don Giovanni.

When she decided to sing the Marschallin in Der Rosenkavalier, Kiri said it was 'because the character appeals to me. She has understanding and maturity and when she lets her lover go.

the end of the world for her. I'm sure I will have to sing the Marschallin 100 times before I fully understand the depth of the character."

Her famous voice is in such worldwide demand that she is booked up for years to come. Will her voice stand the strain? Kiri says, "What you have to remember is to give quality, not quantity."

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BT puts estates off limits By ROBIN YOUNG

BRITISH Telecom is refusing health and safety. We have are under no obligation to to service telephone lines on been sending detailed reports service phones where there is a two south London housing to the council for months now, estates because it says con- complaining about risks from ditions are too dangerous for

Southwark council has complained to the regulatory body, Oftel, accusing BT of an abuse of monopoly in refusing service to the council's Gloucester Grove and North Peckham

conditions in the crawlways cult conditions but the line has should be cleaning up the area represented an undue risk to to be drawn somewhere. We and making it safe."

asbestos, electrical hazards, inadequate and vandalized lighting, broken glass and contamination with rat faeces

and urine." The spokesman said that there were known to be nearly 80 lines out of order on the two estates and about 60 Telecom said yesterday: applications for new services We notified Oftel on August unattended. "Our engineers 2 that we could not service are robust individuals used to lines on the estates because working in cramped and diffi-

risk to the health and safety of our workers," he said.

John Broomfield, Southwark's director of housing, said yesterday: "It is an extraordinary way to treat customers. Tenants rely on telephones to contact emergency services, friends and relatives. Not to do repairs is

BT said: "I cannot understand why Southwark should be expending their energy

BRITAIN faces becoming one of the worst educated of all the advanced nations, the British low esteem in Britain. The Association for the Advance- answers lay in the past, in the ment of Science was warned Whig tradition, in the prioryesterday by its president Sir ities of the rural aristocracy, in

civilised nation," he told had sadiy declined and no an educated population. longer matched continental
Europe, Japan, or, in higher
education at least, the United

are cureated population.

"To this day, intellectuals
are viewed with some sus-

"I cannot understand how admired. any government can fail to make education its top priority, given what is at stake for Indeed, if we have any sense, we will make the 1990s Britain's decade for education."

a former head of the government statistical service, called for a Royal Commission on education, which would be allembracing, visionary yet realistic. Although he acknow- in the European Community. ledged that such bodies were not popular with the prime minister he said: "One need only look back to some commissions of the past to see how valuable they can be in guiding thinking at a particular time - the Beveridge report; Fulton on the Civil Service; Mountbatten on prisons; Layfield on local government finance and Annan on broadcasting. But few of these major topics can compare with education in importance."

It was, he said, a mystery why education carried such the influence of the Church "Hundreds of thousands of and in the days when Britain children have educational ruled the world and felt that all experiences not worthy of a it required were qualities of moral character and leadermembers at Swansea. Britain ship rather than the back-up of

Cleverness is not wholly

The worst aspect of British education, he said, was that most children left school at 16. our children and the country. In 1988, only 35 per cent of Indeed, if we have any sense, those between 16 and 18 were in full-time education, the lowest in any advanced coun-Sir Claus, who is warden of try. In America the figure was Wadham College, Oxford, and 79 per cent, in Japan 77 per cent, 66 per cent in France and 76 per cent in Sweden. Among 16 year olds, only half were still in full-time education, the lowest - apart from Greece -

The bearing of these circumstances on hope and motivation, on social problems like drugs, crime and hooliganism, are obvious. A new deal for the 16-18 year olds is vital."

He questioned why so many youngsters left school at the first opportunity. Even for those who surmounted O-

proposition. What was needed was a more flexible curriculum, taking in academic and vocational courses. Sir Claus was also critical of the gaps in primary school teaching of history, geography, music and

"It is estimated that something like one child in seven leaves school functionally illiterate; some authorities estimates put the figures higher," he said.

the state of the teaching profession, particularly the quality of the teachers. Many, especially in science subjects, were inadequately prepared, he said. A recent report carried out by school inspec-tors in Hackney, north London, found that 40 per cent of lessons were unsatisfactory. "It is an intolerable situation and it is children who suffer," Sir Claus said. It was not all a matter of money, he said, although an increase in resources was needed. The proportion of Britain's gross domestic product spent on education had fallen from 5.5 per cent in 1980-81 to 4.9 per cent in 1987-88. This compared with 6.7 per cent in the United States, 7.2 per cent in Sweden and 7.9 per cent in

"Wherever you touch our education system, major delevels the prospect of further ficiencies undermining the examinations geared to sifting future of children and country out those destined for higher emerge," he said. Britain now education was, for many, an needed a new national



Sir Claus Moser: time is ripe for a Royal commission on education to safeguard the future of the country's children

a Royal Commission. Future gratitude. The time was ripe, indeed urgent.

to a great expansion of the not be underestimated. He generations would then come universities in the 1960s and called for an annual state of to look back on it with 70s, also defended the role of the nation report, possibly in leading to more informed the social sciences.

promised too much, and had of the leading foundations.

the statistical work for the lost credibility. But their input under the Economic and So-In the past, he said, they had cial Research Council, or one decisions.

which would be symbolised by Robbins committee which led was of great value, and should areas such as poverty, crime, education and urban blight,

would, he said, be invaluable understanding, debate and

Leading article, page 9 it is dried out.

Scientists challenged to have 'really

were challenged to come up with "really wild ideas" for research such as generating lectricity in a natural way as already happens with electric

The challenge was made as a new clean technology unit was unveiled with an initial budget of £1 million to promote research into environmentally friendly processes and products.

Nicholas Lawrence, the director of the unit, declared his readiness to invest in visionary projects. "A biological route to electricity would be marvellous. It happens with electric cels. Can we do it

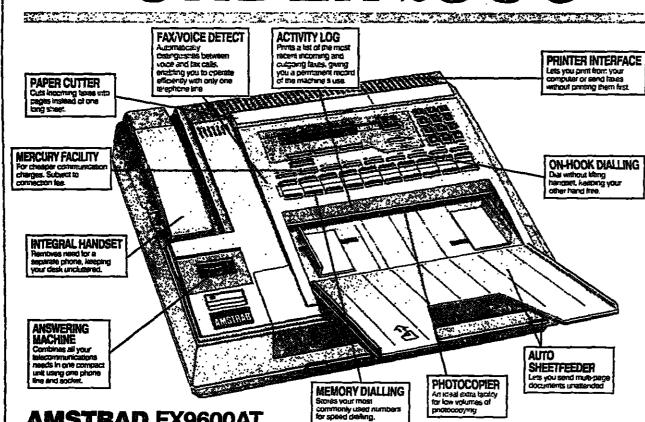
on a wider scale?"

New kinds of trees might be bred which would grow fast, be easily harvested and could be used as a clean fuel, Dr Lawrence suggested.
He told the association that

funds usually went to safe projects. It was, however, also important to fund research into ideas which, though un-likely to pay off, could trans-form the future. "It's important for research councils to put a bit of their money into really wild ideas," Dr Lawrence said.

The clean technology unit has been set up by the Science and Engineering Research Council and the Agricultural and Food Research Council and is seeking annual funds of £10 million. Among 40 ideas submitted is a proposal to develop a refrigeration system making use of the ability of calcium chloride to cool when

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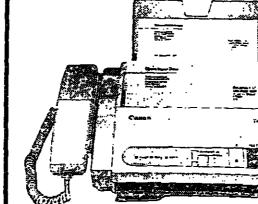
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Embryo research rules 'model for other countries'

By THOMSON PRENTICE, MEDICAL CORRESPONDENT

essential to prevent a virus take such a function."

more deadly than HIV from The embryologist wa being passed from mother to child, an embryologist said

bridge University said. The countries. repair of genetically defective

an example of the need to consider the implications of future research. "Imagine a virus more deadly than HIV medy, professor of medical law."

expressing itself," he said.
"Such a virus could threatviral DNA within the fertil- believe that it can be. ised egg to inactivate it and even to insert a gene that produced an anti-viral agent that resisted reinfection," he

Dr Johnson said these prospects needed to be carefully examined before they became realities. "We should be grateful that we now have a body,

GENETIC engineering of the Fertilisation and Embryology turnan egg could become Authority, which can under-

The embryologist was opening a debate, which will continue in Swansea today, on the medical, moral and social if such a virus emerged, it implications of embryo recould threaten mankind by search. He said that work in hiding within human cells for Britain was now subject to years before expressing itself, severely restrictive legislation years before expressing itself, severely restrictive legislation Dr Martin Johnson of Cam- that could be a model for other

"This country has led the embryos by germ line gene way in the biology, the meditherapy, a technique not yet cine, the ethics and now the developed, would defeat any legislative and political pro-such virus. legislative and political pro-cess," he said. "Many other Dr Johnson said that he was countries contemplating their not advocating work of this own legislation will look to the kind, but merely offering it as style and substance of our

Some of Dr Johnson's views which could hide in the DNA and ethics at King's College of the eggs and sperm and be London. "Parliament has transmitted to children or made up its mind on embryo even grandchildren before research but the moral debate is by no means over," he said. "Embryo research is too moren the continued existence of ally problematical to contem-whole communities or even plate. All research on the humankind. One way to eradicate it would be to target the avoided if it can be, and I

There is no right answer to the questions it raises, only answers that are less wrong Professor Kennedy said. There must be a creative tension between those whosupport this work and those opposed to it. Those involved have to ask themselves why they are doing this work and in the shape of the Human for whom they are doing it."

Algae may curb global warming

(Nigel Hawkes writes).

told the British Association harm. that iron, scattered on the would capture carbon released carbon with them.

proposed experiments along of carbon. these lines and the Plymouth algal growth

based plants do. Much of the experiment is worth carrying algae would eventually die on out. "It's not something I'm the surface, releasing carbon raising a flag for, but we do

A THEORY that global to the bottom of the ocean warming could be slowed where the carbon would be down by growing algae across trapped in slow-moving water the southern oceans may be for 1,000 years. The algae tested in the next few years would therefore act as sponges, soaking up excess Phillip Williamson of the carbon and removing it to a Plymouth Marine Laboratory place where it could do no

Dr Williamson was causea's surface, would encourage tious, however, about the the growth of algae. That effectiveness of the scheme. An American scientist, John into the atmosphere by the Martin from Moss Landing activities of man. Some of the Marine Laboratory in Bodega algae would sink to the bottom Bay, California, has estimated of the ocean carrying the that 900,000 tons of iron - a supertanker load - would Two American groups have mop up an entire year's output

However, Dr Williamson laboratory is collaborating told the session on climatic with them. The assumption is change, organised by the that the only thing stopping Natural Environment Rethe explosive growth of algae search Council, that the bulk in many parts of the oceans is of the iron would sink before it a deficiency of iron, so that could do any good, and per-adding comparatively small haps 90 per cent of the algae amounts would produce a would die and rot on the disproportionate increase in surface. He suspects that the supertanker-full of iron might The algae would use the take out only one ten-thou-carbon dioxide in the air as a sandth of annual production. building block, just as land- He nevertheless thinks the

again, but a small proportion, need to know our options for perhaps 10 per cent, would fall the future," he said.

Dubcek clings to the faith and ideals of Prague 'spring'

Twenty-two years ago today, Soviet-led forces invaded Czechoslovakia to crush the Prague spring. Nicholas Bethell interviews Alexander Dubcek, the then Communist party first secretary and symbol of the doomed attempt to build socialism with a human face.

ALEXANDER Dubcek, re-elected as president of the Czechoslovak parliament after the free elections, is a lucky man. Against many of the predictions, he has retained a symbolic post, even though he has become a sad figure in parliament and an embarrassing reminder to Czechs and Slovaks of their inglorious communist past.

The West may see him as the man who meant well in 1968, who tried to build socialism with a human face until he fell victim to neo-Stalinist Soviet imperialism. Some might say that the past year has been the "summer" of the "spring" he began 22 years ago. In his own

country, though, as I found during my recent meeting with him in his impressive office in the parliament building off Wenceslas Square, he is a broken

he was under strict police surveillance. But he said nothing about those who were worse off than him, men like Vaclav Prohlik, Jaroslav Sabata and Milan Hubl, who served long prison terms for supporting his ideals more than he did hunself. This is not the record of a hero. He never signed Charter 77 and he made contact with Havel as late as May 1989, when Havel was released after eight months in prison for laying flowers on a grave. He never Joined Civic Forum. He is a bit like Gorbachev, tremendously popular abroad but not too popular at home." President Havel's adviser, Sasa Vondra, is almost as severe. "Last year I

Pretoria has given no of Mr Mandela, but the ANC has

ficial explanation, but it is ruled out any meeting with the

gered by Mr Hani's declara- of inciting the violence.

tees at local level have foun-

Zulu leader, whom it accuses

Mr Mandela's wife, Winnie,

accused security forces of

supporting Chief Buthelezi's

Inkatha organisation in the

strife, and said the ANC might

have to reconsider its recent

decision to suspend its armed

struggle. Opening an ANC branch office in Soweto on

Sunday, she accused police of

and of killing township res-

idents. "The government is

working hand-in-hand with Inkatha," she said.

Mrs Mandela has a ten-

dency towards militancy, but

she was supported by the

relatively moderate ANC leader Walter Sisulu, who

claimed there was evidence

that the police had been

anisation of African Unity

(OAU) appealed yesterday for

a halt to the violence between

"Fraticidal violence among

tem of institutionalised

The OAU said all those

suffering under apartheid

should unite in talks on a new

non-racial constitution for

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said in a statement

South Africa. (Reuter)

assisting Inkatha.

clashes between ANC suppor- •ADDIS ABABA: The Org-

killed and four wounded in black factions in South Africa,

Kagiso, west of Johannesburg, calling it "senseless carnage".

at a workers' hostel in the victims of apartheid ...

Kwathema, east of the city. All only plays into the hands of

of them had been shot. Riot those opposed to the dis-

police intervened on several mantling of the hemous sys-

massed, but no other big racism," the 51-member body

was not much use to us. He would not sign our appeals on behalf of people in prison. He kept saying that he had some plan of his own to 'mediate' - this at the darkest time of all, when there was no middle ground, no possible chance for mediation. And during the crisis last November he was never available. We could never contact him."

the heroic pedestal on which he stood in 1968 to the crumpled state in which he

Mr Dubcek's problem is that childhood and family background built him into a life-long prisoner of communist doctrine and a stubborn admirer of the Soviet Union. These convictions remained with him even after 1968 and, in a way, they still hold him, even though he knows logically that they are a religion

His family were brought up to worship

His young life was, he recalls, marked by a series of "confrontations of ideas" in the Soviet Union. It was not enough to deter him, though. He returned to Slovakia in 1938 and joined the Communists. During the Khrushchev re-forms, a spell at the Higher Party School in Moscow restored his belief that. however bad the mistakes, the theory was beyond criticism.

would be too great a shock for the left movements of the world."

So, when he was proved wrong, did he think of resisting by force of arms? "Look at the map," he said. He and his friends were seized during the invasion's first hour. The original plan, he assumes, was to have them tried and executed. "The soldiers arrested us 'in the name of the Revolutionary Tribunal'." he said.
"It was only our people's solid resistance and the worldwide protests against the invasion that saved our lives, because the 'Revolutionary Government' was never constituted 1

It was, he told me, "the last drop that filled the cup" of his disillusionment. But it was the "neo-Stalinism" or "Brezhnevism" that disillusioned him, not communism itself.

His 1975 letter was an attack not on communism, but on the government's communist credentials. Gustav Husak's rule, he wrote, was "not compatible with marxism-leninism" and "damaging to socialism". He kept public silence for 12 more years, until Mikhail Gorbachev's

Communist newspaper. Unità: "I have had to go back to the works that remain topical: Marx. Engels and Lenin. Even now I have before me many of their thoughts, which I see as a legacy for future generations of revolutionaries." His aim in 1968, he added, had been to support and improve socialism.

"It does not mean that there is nothing useful to be found in Marx and Legin, he told me. "Capitalism has found a way of reforming itself. It is not what it was before the first world war." Marx and Lenin, he believes, were "a product of their time" when capitalism was on the rampage. But they are still valid in terms

of humanism, democracy and socialism. This is his justification. The banner raised by Lenin has now, he believes, been passed to West European democratic socialists. Sweden, not Russia, is today the hope of the future. Yet at the same time he says: "I belong to no party, not even the social democrats. I will stay in politics as an independent, to help us towards Europe, but the old ideas have no basis now. Today I am nowhere."

Pretoria withdraws its indemnity for ANC military chiefs

"independent" tribal home-

understood to have been an-

tion last month that the ANC

might have to seize power if

A senior government source

been behaving in a responsible

Sporadic violence contin-

been killed in a week of

ters and followers of Mango-

suthu Buthelezi, the Zulu

leader. Three people were

and 11 bodies were discovered

occasions as rival groups

There is still no apparent

prospect of peace talks be-tween Chief Buthelezi and

Nelson Mandela, the ANC

deputy president, despite ur-

gent appeals by the govern-

ment. As a result, efforts to

quiet over the mounting costs

will today present a com-

mission paper on economic

and monetary union that will

form the basis for a crucial discussion of the issue by

community finance ministers

The paper, to be formally adopted by the 17-member

commission at a special meet-

ing today, is expected to call for a short, second-stage transition period before the

in Rome next month.

incidents were reported. -

THE South African govern- Hani is believed to be in the establish joint peace commitment has withdrawn temporary indemnity from arrest land of Transkei, and Mr dered. Chief Buthelezi has from the military leader of the Kasrils is in hiding. African National Congress and two senior colleagues after bellicose statements and allegations of ANC guerrilla infiltration and a communist

Chris Hani, the chief of staff the negotiations broke down. of Umkhonto we Sizwe, the Mr Kasrils and Mr Maharaj ANC's armed wing, Ronnie are alleged to have been Kasrils, its former intelligence involved in the infiltration of chief, and Sathyandranath ANC guerrillas, and a com-Maharaj were omitted from a munist plan to establish a government gazette extending clandestine militia.
indemnity to 41 members of A senior government said yesterday their conduct providing Inkatha with arms the ANC and the South African Communist party until had not been conducive to the end of the year. The initial peace. "These guys have not amnesty, introduced to facilitate peace talks, expired at manner," he said. The justice

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midnight on Sunday.

All three are members of the apply to President de Klerk 10 ANC executive committee restore their indemnity. and of the Communist party. interim leadership. Mr Mahaued yesterday in black townraj is already in detention under security legislation, Mr ships in Transvaal, where more than 360 people have

Children die in Beirut gun battles

Beirat - Two children were among 10 people killed in ties between rival Shia Muslim groups in Beirut's southern suburbs yesterday, security sources said. Twentyfive people were wounded.

Syrian troops later inter-vened to halt the fighting between militiamen of the pro-Iranian Hezboliah (Party of God) and fighters loyal to the Syrian-backed Amal.

Dozens of cars were destroyed and shops and apartments were damaged in the fighting, said. (Reuter) witnesses

Titian find

Vertice - A previously unknown work believed to be by the 16th-century Italian artist Titian has been discovered in an art restorer's workshop, city art officials said. The painting depicts a penitent St Jerome. (Reuter)

Biggest family

Tokyo — A Japanese woman aged 44 has given birth to her eighteenth child, a boy, making her family the biggest in the country, hospital officials said in Yachimata, near here. She now has eight daughters and ten sons, the oldest of them aged 25. (Reuter)

Tribes clash

Delhi - At least 52 people died and more than 100 were injured in four days of clashes between former head-hunting tribes in India's northeastern Nagaland state, officials said. (Reuter)

* Killer epidemic

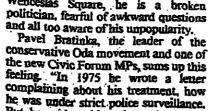
Addis Ababa - Ethiopia said that a meningitis epidemic in the rebel-held northern Wollo province had killed thousands of people. The official Ethiopia News Agency said between seven and 10 people were dving every day. (Rewer)

Priest drowns

Nettuno - Father Josef Zverina, aged 77, a Czechoslovak dissident priest, drowned in a weekend bathing accident during a visit to a religious shrine south of Rome, police said. Reuter)

SS man charged

Stuttgert - Josef Schwammberger, aged 78, a former SS concentration camp com-mandant has been charged with involvement in the murder of more than 3,400 Jews. including at least 50 who he is alleged to have killed himself. (Reuter)



How could be have fallen so far from finds himself today?

that has failed the test of history.

Marx and Lenin and the Soviet Union. "My father was dedicated to communism," Alexander Dubcek told me. "He was brought up in great poverty. My

he died of suberculosis, because of glass getting into his lungs. My father was only ten. He had to bring up his younger brother and sister. He emigrated to the United States in 1909. He earned good money in Chicago. \$30 a week. When he came home in 1921, he had savings. It was what many Slovaks did, work in America, then come home and use the money to buy a house or a workshop. This was not my father's idea, though. After I was born, he decided to take us all to the Soviet Union."

His faith in the "religion" was absolute and in 1968 he had no idea that invasion was imminent, "Of course, we asked ourselves this question. But the

Croatian force out at record tourists

From Dessa Trevisan

GROWING tensions between Serbs and Croats are forcing tourists on the Adriatic coast of Yugoslavia to cut short

their holidays. Newspapers said that tourists were massing on main roads towards the borders from the area around Knin. near the Bosnian frontier, near the Bosnian frontier, the Soviet Army which, where armed Serbs set up according to the defence minroadblocks to prevent police from stopping them holding has reached record levels. He an autonomy referendum on told troops near the Black Sea Sunday. The daily Vecernje List said it interviewed several foreigners, all of whom said they were leaving because of the conscription board.
tension between Serbs and He said the army had economy badly. Vecernje Noborder points because of the rising ethnic tension.

The Croatian parliament has interrupted its summer recess and will be meeting on Thursday to discuss the turmoil provoked by the referendum, which reawakened Serb-Croat animosities and threatened to draw the rest of the country into a civil war.

The two groups have been sion rose sharply after Croatia hs and Croats that traditionally has been the pivot of power in Yugoslavia. "I think the Gulf crisis is easier to solve than this one," Western diplomat said.

The latest turmoil has put even more pressure on the federal government as it seeks to engineer a new constitution. Serbia insists on the present federal structure and strong central authority.

"Neutral" republics say the resent federal structure has outlived its purpose, while Slovenia and Croatia say that Yugoslavia is finished in its present form and can only survive as a confederation.

After the right-wing Croatian administration under Franjo Tudjman pledged to constitute Croatia as a sovereign state, the Serbian media launched a hard-hitting propaganda campaign, accusing Croatia of discriminating against Serbs, who represent 11 per cent of the western

republic's population. The intransigence of Slobodan Milosevic, the Serbian communist leader, who has said his republic would demand frontier readjustment should Yugoslavia change its present structure, has already divided the country, with other ethnic groups alleging that the Serbs want to dominate the nation.

The Croatian leadership is convinced that the Serbian minority is receiving its orders to rebel from Serbia, and Dr Tudjman bluntly accused Mr Milosevic of conceiving, inciting and guiding the insurrection. The populist Serbian leader has denied the charges and launched a counter-attack, again accusing Croatia of depriving Serbs of their rights. | harvesting. (Reuter)

Soviet tensions desertion levels

From MARY DEJEVSKY IN MOSCOW

> TWO Soviet conscripts, aged 20. who seized weapons before deserving from their unit in the Ukraine, were killed a day later in a gun battle with the men sent to recapture them, Pravda reported yesterday.

The report highlighted the problems of desertion from ister, Marshal Dmitri Yazov. port of Odessa at the weekend that there was great rejuctance among young men to report to

Croats, Yugoslavia's largest succeeded in drafting fewer ethnic groups. It said that the than 50 per cent of those exodus could damage the called up in the Baltic republics, but the figures for the vosti reported long queues at | Caucasus were much worse. In Armenia, the spring conscription round had been effectively halted because only 7.5 per cent had answered the call-up, while for Georgia the

figure was only 28 per cent. Marshal Yazov also spoke of the demoralisation of the officer corps because of inadequate arrangements for their demobilisation. He said problems included housing and rivals for centuries. But ten- employment for demobilised servicemen and the increasing rejected 45 years of com- hostility of civilians towards munist rule in free elections in the military. Officers found May. The change almost to- themselves discriminated tally shattered the relationship against and even "insulted hae vile

> civilians. The marshal, who is not known for enthusiasm for proposed military reforms. promised extensive changes. both in the way that appointments were made and in the role of political officers.

President Gorbachev, in his address to the meeting, which severely criticised Iraq, said that he was considering exten-

sive military reform. He said that three fundamental questions would be on the agenda of a crucial defence council meeting next month: whether to reduce the number of arms of the Soviet armed forces from its present five; whether the army should become a purely professional body; and whether, as long as conscription remained, conscripts should serve their terms of duty in their home

There have been many complaints from conscripts from minorities that they are victimised. Boris Yeltsin. when he became president of the Russian Federation, said the armed forces should remain under central command. However, he would support a programme which allowed conscripts to serve mainly in their home republics.

• Harvest losses: The Soviet Union is losing one million tonnes of grain a day during the harvest because of labour, transport and storage problems, Pravda said yesterday. The report was the first concrete indication of the scale of losses as the country struggles to bring in a record harvest. Students, factory workers, soldiers and even KGB forces have been sent to help with

EC bends rules to embrace East Germany

From MICHAEL BINYON IN BRUSSELS

interrupting the summer and a changing timetable for holiday, poring over the mass break for an emergency session, will today complete its proposals for bringing East 17-strong commission will ap-Germany into the European prove six months of intensive bargaining between Brussels, Community and announce a tailored transition timetable. Jacques Delors, the commission president, will unveil a 129-page document against a background of a collapsing East German economy, dis-

JACQUES Delors, president European Community moves of the European Commission, into the final third stage of full

markets.

adapt to competition.

From Michael Binyon in Brussels

economic and monetary

union. However, it backs away from the calls in the

Deiors report last year for

tough EC rules binding mem-

to give full backing to the

wider use of the ecu as a

currency unit by banks and

no encouragement for Brit-

But the commission offers

The paper is also expected

ber states' national budgets.

THE European Commission, of German economic union, been working throughout the can yet meet. Brussels is tiations under the General reunification, with the date of EC legislation which a now set for October 14. The united Germany will be Bonn and East Berlin over the the environment and compace of East German inte- petition policy. German ofgration and temporary excep- ficials sought lengthy transitions to EC rules to allow the tion periods, especially in East German economy time to implementing the EC's tough

obliged to implement in the East. The most contentious areas are agriculture, trade, environmental rules which al-A commission team has most no industry in the East

ain's alternative proposal for a

hard ecu. The proposal will be discussed by the EC monetary

committee, comprising fi-

nance ministry and central bank officials from the

Twelve, on September 4, just

before the informal meeting of

The commission says the

EC should consider setting up

a central bank in 1993, at the

start of the single market. This

would mark the beginning of

the second stage of EMU.

finance ministers.

prepared to allow until the end of 1995 before enforcing full compliance on air, water quality and waste disposal rules. But as the East German economy slides into chaos, feeling is hardening in Brussels that only a "big bang" will work and that exceptions should be kept to a minimum.

There are fears that transition costs will rise uncontrollably. with other EC members subsidising special arrangements, despite Bonn's earlier assurance it would bear the costs. Delors eases monetary plan A priority is the rapid reform of East Germany's inefficient and antiquated agriculture. Over-production of milk and an excess of sugar

exacerbated by Cuban imports - will cost the common agricultural policy dearly. Brussels has come under pressure to give special aid to East German farmers to compensate for their estimated drop in incomes of up to 40 per cent since economic union on July 1. But any rebates would arouse the anger of

On the road: a Xhosa man with his possessions leaving a migrant workers' hostel

at Kwathema in Transvaal, where dozens have died in recent factional violence

East German output, is likely to see a swift fall. Brussels is becoming increasingly nervous over the wholesale buy-out of collapsing East German industries by West German companies. Sir Leon Brittan, the commissioner for competition policy. has warned East Berlin that he will not tolerate breaches in community competition rules farmers elsewhere in the by the creation of virtual community, and would go monopolies in key fields such against EC promises in negoas insurance and energy.

movement, even though it

Agreement on Tariffs and

EC leaders approved the

broad lines of the commission

plan for East Germany at a

summit in Dublin in April.

Since then the problems have

worsened. Brussels foresaw

East Germany maintaining its

trade links with the Soviet

Union and Eastern Europe for

some time after reunification.

However, trade contracts with

Hungary and Czechoslovakia

have now been broken, lead-

ing to bitter recriminations

from both countries, and trade

with Moscow, currently ac-

counting for 40 per cent of

Trade to move towards sharp

cuts in farm subsidies.



Polish rescue workers searching for survivors amid the wreckage of a Prague-Warsaw express train in which 15 people were killed and 57 injured when it crashed into the back of a slower train near Warsaw yesterday

Georgian nationalists stand to benefit from new electoral law

From Nick Worrall in Thilisi

NATIONALISTS in Soviet proportional representation. Georgia have moved a step Candidates must have lived in nearer to winning a substan- the republic for 10 years and tial parliamentary majority not be members of the Soviet Gumbaridze. over the Communists in the armed forces. The language of republic's first multi-party debate will be Georgian. elections on October 28.

There were scenes of near-After many attempts by the hysteria in Tbilisi's broad present parliamentary chair- Rustaveli Avenue on Satman, the Communist first urday night, when it seemed as party secretary, Givi Gum- if Mr Gumbaridze's delaying baridze, to delay the vote, a tactics might have paid off and new electoral law gives the given the Communist party advantage to the nationalist the advantage.

The veteran remains deeply divided. The leader, Zviad Gamasakhlaw allows for a parliament of urdia, who had been invited to

ing crowds outside to shout for a general strike and the immediate resignation of Mr

"Gumbaridze's behaviour was very, very bad." Mr Gamasakhurdia said later. "He had rejected all our proposals, he seemed to be on the phone to Moscow every 15 minutes seeking fresh instructions and angling to get his deputies to force through their proposals."

The new law was decided on by an unpublished majority vote after Mr Gumbaridze, 250 deputies, half chosen by contribute to the debate, led a who was shaken by the public direct election and half by walk-out of nationalists, caus-

Why black kills black

R.W. Johnson

ast week more than 240 people were killed in ethno-political violence in the Johannesburg area — nearly four times as many as died at Sharpe-ville — and more than 50 others died in the eastern Cape. The pace of political change since February is breathtaking, and largely pos-

itive, but right across the spectrum South Africans are now deeply scared that February's brave breakout towards a post-apartheid future could be overtaken and engulfed by a spreading wave of

The violence has many causes. The African National Congress line is that Chief Buthelezi's Inkatha movement, which is almost exclusively Zulu, is deliberately attacking ANC supporters with the connivance of the police. This line should not be wholly discounted, but it should not be taken too seriously either. In its favour is the fact that Buthelezi resents his present exclusion from the ANC-government negotiations on a new constitution which are now quietly going on. The violence makes everyone realise that to leave him out means trouble. It is also a fact that in past incidents in Natal, at least some elements in the police clearly helped stir things up and then

sided with Inkatha. But that is as far as it goes. There is no evidence that either Buthelezi or the police are behind the latest upsurge of violence. For a start, the eastern Cape is a Xhosa area dominated by the ANC, and lokatha has no presence at all. At least some of the blame for the 50 deaths there last week has to fall on ANC youths who took violent exception to their headmaster belonging to a sports association of which they disapproved. But it would be absurd to blame the ANC itself, as it would be wrong to blame Zulu violence in Soweto on Inkatha. Buthelezi simply does not possess - certainly not on the Witwatersrand - the organisation that might allow him to order Zulus into battle. After Nelson Mandela drew an 80.000 crowd in Soweto in March, Buthelezi tried to match

the feat and pulled in only 4,000. The attempt to explain the violence as an Inkatha-police plot has other flaws. One is that there can be few less enviable jobs anywhere than having to stand between thousands of rampaging Zulus and their foes, particularly when both sides have acquired guns. This is what the (predominantly black) police currently have to do - for low pay and under an intense international spotlight and a hail of criticism. Already this year 42 policemen have been killed and hundreds injured. Without doubt there are undisciplined right-wing elements within the police, but the idea that the

absurd. Buthelezi has loudly and publicly deplored the violence at every stage and repeatedly asked for a meeting with Nelson Mandela to bring it under control. It is the ANC which refuses such a meeting - not on principle, for it agrees there must be a Mandela-Buthelezi meeting eventually, but only on its terms and at a time of the ANC's choosing. This is a strange position to cling to when you know that every day wasted means more lives lost.

Zulu feeling seems to have been inflamed by several factors. One of the motifs of the violence in Natal has been Buthelezi's insistent view that the ANC, despite its support among younger and better educated Zulus, is an essentially Xhosa movement which is an interloper in "his" territory. Despite the ANC's indignant disclaimers, many Zulus now accept this view, for most of the ANC leaders are indeed Xhosas. There is a problem, too, over the ANC demand for the KwaZulu homeland to be broken up and its police force disbanded. While this is in line with standard ANC antihomeland policy, it is noticeable that the ANC is not making similar demands about the

(Xhosa) Transkei and Ciskei. Finally, the ANC's recent call for a national strike as a protest againt Inkatha's role in the Natal violence was probably a misjudg-ment. The call was in the classic ANC style - a decision taken at the top which then had to be enforced on the ground without the benefit of well-developed mass structures of any kind. What this involved in practice was intimidation, by young "comrades", of those trying to go to work. In the Johannesburg area. Zulus so determined to find work that they were willing to put up with the rigours of hostel life were less than thrilled to find themselves threatened. Similarly, ANC calls to isolate Inkatha have been interpreted by the young comrades as a licence to harass Zulus in their midst. This was to play with fire. as the resulting display of outraged Zulu manhood has shown. The Zulus are a minority on the Witwatersrand but nobody can stand against them: only Xhosas seem to have tried, and have lost.

A Mandela-Buthelezi meeting would so enrage the ANC's radical wing as to threaten ANC unity. But the alternative - for South Africa to slide into the abyss of tribal strife - is far worse. Mr Mandela must wish he had not given way to radical pressure to call off the meeting with Chief Buthelezi which he set up when he was released from prison in February. Not only are such talks inevitable in the end - just as talks between white and black were inevitable in the end - but the longer they are delayed the worse the situation will get. And South police have an interest in stoking Africa cannot easily afford up or keeping going the sort of another week like the one it has

...and moreover

ALAN COREN

D'YE KEN Jean-Paul? With his

cotier gris? Twas the sound of his horn called me from my bed ...

Yesterday, and yesterday, and yesterday, to the first syllable of recorded holiday. Jean-Paul has crept in his petty pace from day to day, full of sound and fury, signifying nothing except that the road bends outside our Provencal door. For the bend is, as literally as a cliché ever gets, a red rag to a bull: when Jean-Paul spots a bend, he puts his head down, boots his cotier gris out of its petty pace, flares his electric echoes from hill to hill, and charges at it. As with all red rags, there is nothing on the other side, but, as with all bulls. Jean-Paul hasn't yet twigged

Nor is he alone: no Ferdinand he. At the break of day, if you will allow one more poetical conflation, a lowing herd winds slowly past my lit. They are all cotiers gris, those grey 2CV tricycle-vans whose engines are based on the maracas principle: you put a lot of old bolts in a cocoa tin and, provided you shake them noisily enough, the wheels go round. I do not know how this works. I know only that it enables me to ken Jean-Paul when he's far. far away: so that when the break of day brings him to the bottom of the hill. I wake up, and when, five minutes later, he blows his horn at the bend, I am called from my bed, because there is no point lying there trying to kid yourself that there will not be another

one along in a minute. Nothing more separates our cultures than our hooter strategies. The French honk to signal what might happen in the future, the British to signal what has happened in the past. The English hoot is a mechanical oath, expressing an opinion as to what another driver should not have done, the French hoot is a monitory cry. warning a driver of what he might be about to do. That is why they

call them avertisseurs. Since a French driver might he about to do anything at any time, the hooter is in constant usc. Only this morning. I noticed that le Kwikfit at Nice not only replaces exhausts, it re-

places avertisseurs, too. Has any English hooter ever worn out? It was not all I noticed. Driving up the hill from Nice to Vence, I passed a road-sign. It said Ni Vitesse, Ni Bruit. I did not pass it far. I pulled over. I strolled back, as one ravished by the view, a Midiphile looking now towards the sun-winking Med, now towards the soft othre tumble of St Paul; someone to whom you would have to get very close in order to spot what was going on in the corners of those ostensibly be-

guiled eyes. The sign was fas-

tened to its post by two nuts.

The corners of the eyes grew yet

I eased a spanner from the car's tool-kit. One nut came off as if buttered. The sign hinged downward from the other, with a slight squeak. I quickly put my shoulder beneath it, to level it to inconspicuousness, at which moment a car came up the hill; leaving me no option but to turn my back, lower one arm. and offer the driver the sheepish

smirk of the enuretic. He disappeared over the crest. The second nut yielded. I walked back to my car like a man carrying a road-sign. house, a hitherto unofficial tree now made it illegal to speed or

"What have you been do-ing?" said my wife.

"Oh, this and that," I said. The less she knew, the better. With both of us on Devil's Island, our kids would run amok. (Though, if apprehended. I plan to approach the French bench with that arcane Cricklewood law. Icx itinerundum, i.e., I have not broken the law, I have merely moved it somewhere clse.) "What about

"I've been reading Anthony West's biography of Wells," she replied. "Did you know that Wells built a house for his mistress Odette Keun just along our road, near Grasse? West says he used to infuriate the locals by driving everywhere with his thumb on the hooter. I wonder if that's where the

French learnt it?" I looked at the sky. I sipped my gin. They can be a curious shape, the things to come.

Conor Cruise O'Brien considers Saddam's downfall inevitable as outside pressure takes its toll

America leads: UN can only bless

There is much reference to "the role of the UN" in relation to the seizure of Kuwait. But "role" is a misnomer. the UN has no role because it is not an actor; it is a stage. This month the stage was used for the most effective performance yet: the enactment by consensus of drastic economic action against Iraq until it withdraws.

What happens then depends not upon the stage but on the actors: the major powers can enforce the sanctions they voted for or allow them to become a dead letter. In the past, permanent members of the Security Council have actually sabotaged resolutions for which they had voted: in the Congo crisis of 1961, two Security Council members sabotaged the implementation of a resolution prescribing international action against secessionist Katanga.

It is also possible for powers to use the UN stage to fake an action instead of performing as expected. Thus, when Ian Smith unilaterally declared independence for white Rhodesia, Harold Wilson wanted a respectable pretext for declining to use force. He found the pretext on the UN stage, by calling for oil

tradition which effectively lasted

until 1748, when the Earl of Suffolk and Lord Catheart vol-

untarily went to France as hos-tages under the Treaty of Aix-la-

Chapelle until Cape Breton was

The British themselves took

hostages less than a century ago.

when Lord Roberts wanted to

deter Boer partisans from disrupt-

ing his supplies. Yet Saddam

Hussein has outraged the world by

using civilians from western coun-

tries to protect military targets

President Bush and Mrs That-

cher can now forestall domestic

opposition to military interven-

tion by pointing to Iraq's viola-

tion of rights enshrined in the

Geneva Conventions of 1949.

Nothing could be better calculated

to prick the liberal conscience than

the prospect of women cold-

bloodedly put in danger by being moved to strategic sites, or

When did the nature of the

hostage change? Hostages had

barely ceased to play a part in the

conventions of European diplo-

macy before they became a tactic

of terror during the French

Revolution. When the counter-

revolutionary rising took place in

the Vendee, the authorities passed

legitimised the detention of the

families of emigres, and their

deportation in reprisal for the

killing of government troops. It

was generally unsuccessful, even

With the advent of industrial-

ised, "total" war (around 1870), this use of hostages became more

common. During the Franco-Prussian war, the Germans treated

partisans as hostages, putting

them on trains to deter ambushes.

But the French revolutionaries of

the Paris Commune were no less

ruthless: they executed the arch-

bishop of Paris and other digni-

when practised by Napoleon.

"law of hostages" which

infants starving to death.

from possible American attack.

handed back to the French.

loudly proclaiming that these would bring Smith to his knees. The Security Council duly voted for oil sanctions, which were immediately violated, mostly by Britain. Both superpowers have used the UN to distract attention, while climbing down. Eisenhower did this in 1956 over Hungary, Khrushchev in 1962 over Cuba.

Because the UN has so often been used in these ways, to dramatise political fictions, few people have much belief in it. This is especially so in the Middle East because of Israel's capacity to disregard UN resolutions. Most of the "United Nations resolutions" quoted by Arabs are really General Assembly resolutions (drafted by Arabs themselves) which are not binding on anyone, even nominally. That kind of distinction is, however, hardly perceptible in the bazaars. Arabs inevitably ask why Iraq is expected to obey UN resolutions while Israel is allowed to defy them.

It is against this background that we should see the American decision, supported by Britain and France, to send forces to Saudi Arabia and the Gulf and to enforce the sanctions against Iraq by interception and other means. These steps should be seen not as a departure from the measu agreed by the Security Council but sions of a determination to apply the sanctions until their objective is achieved.

In itself, voting for sanctions sent no clearly comprehensible message to Saddam Hussein and his entourage, but the American military build-up in Saudi Arabia, plus interceptions, sends a message that is altogether clear. The message is that strict enforcement of economic sanctions is the very least that Irag can expect if it holds on to Kuwait. Strict enforcement. with the application of a blockade (though so far this is undeclared), means economic ruin for Iraq. This action, therefore, is very different from the Security Council sanctions against Rhodesia. Economic ruin, then, is the

minimum facing Iraq if Saddam Hussein remains in power and Iraq stays in Kuwait. But if Saddam were to decide to fight back, the prospects for Iraq would be worse still. If he were to execute American hostages or attack American forces or Israel, Iraq would experience something not much short of annihilation. Many Arabs probably believe

Saddam when he claims he could defeat the Americans in war, but there is one pivotal group of Iraqis who certainly do not believe it and who have every interest in seeing that it is never put to the test. They are the army officers, professionals who know Saddam is talking dangerous nonsense and who now have clear incentives to destroy him. True, this is a daunting task; but the prospects for the Iraqi army, and Iraq as a whole, if Saddam remains in power are still more daunting.

Saddam has strengthened his position with the mass of his soldiery by emerging as the champion not of the Arab nation, but of Islam. Yet he must have damaged his standing with those soldiers by his wild talk about defeating America. Such language goes down well with civilian demonstrators in Amman, but hardly with those who would be in the front line.

That the Iraqi army now has clear incentives to destroy Saddam is the most encouraging aspect of this exceedingly dangerous situa-

tion. And these incentives were brought about not by the vote in the Security Council, but by the energetic action led by the United States to demonstrate that sanc-

tions are being enforced. Now that France has come into line over interception of shipping. China is unlikely to hold out much longer, since it needs to mend its fences with the West. This means that the Security Council should soon be ready to authorise a

Such authorisation is an important part of the business of the UN. For the UN is not only a stage but a shrine. Like the ancient shrine at Delphi, it is a place with an equivocal aura of holiness, to which mortals repair in times of emergency. It provides oracles, in the form of resolutions, to which the powerful pay selective attention. It dispenses, as required, blessings, curses, legitimisation, ambiguities — all to be manipulated. Today, it is important as a source of legitimacy: blessing America, cursing Iraq. But legiti-misation should not be confused with leadership, or even with potential leadership. A stage is a

The human shield that puts Saddam beyond the pale

Daniel Johnson traces hostage-taking through the ages in time of war - and as guarantors of peace --from voluntary treaty guarantors to tactic of terror since time immemorial. The Romans held foreign princelings as hostages to deter their fathers from misbehaving. The hostage was for centuries an established (even civilised) means of guaranteeing compliance with treaties or agreements that were more or less freely entered into - a



taries, who had not volunteered to be hostages, merely because the Thiers government refused their

The Germans used hostages again in both world wars. executing many. The Hague conferences of 1899 and 1907 did not specifically allude to hostagetaking, but at the Nuremberg tribunals, those who had executed hostages were treated as war criminals. Only at Geneva in 1949 were reprisals against hostages forbidden, and the strict rules then introduced under which foreign nationals may be detained in wartime explicitly outlaw Saddam's stated plan to surround military bases and strategic in-

dustries with hostages. The trouble with applying this body of precedent to the Middle East is that many Muslims do not regard European history, and the international law to which it gave rise, as relevant to their customary treatment of civilians in wartime.

least of all to the treatment of non-Muslim hostages. The Koran is open to more than one interpretation on this subject, and in any case its doctrines have in practice been no more rigorously observed by Muslim rulers than have

biblical precepts by their Christian

counterparts.

The plight of the hostages now held in Iraq, as of many other westerners held by Arab governments or their proxies in recent decades, resembles in some respects that of the European Christians captured by Muslim rulers and semi-official pirates as recently as the early 19th century. For centuries it had been common for the Mamelukes and Ottomans to treat subject Christians as actual or potential slaves, even though Muslims accept that, like themselves, Christians are "the people of the Book". If the Muslim subject had very few rights as a human being, the infidel had still fewer, and the infidel subject of an enemy ruler

Western opinion, which had been unconcerned about oriental Christians, was roused to action only by the ransoming or enslaving of Christians captured off the Barbary coast. Nelson wanted to use his fleet to crush the corsairs. but the practice was not finally stopped until 1815, when an American expeditionary force led by Stephen Decatur forced the eys of Algiers and Tripoli to cease their piracy and release their

So when Ayatollah Khomeini seized American hostages in Iran. he was acting in accordance with tradition and, moreover, avenging past humiliations. His real purpose was to exploit the power of television to influence democratic politicians in America. As a senior Shia theologian, he could at least claim scriptural support for his conduct. Saddam Hussein has made no such attempt.

Yet discounting all cultural factors, Saddam's cynical calculation — which differs only in degree from Khomeini's - cannot be conceded. It is based on the absurd notion that an innocent party can be made responsible for the evil consequences of another's evil actions. This is the proposition that Mr Bush and Mrs Thatcher are being invited to assent to, and to which Jimmy Carter by im-plication did assent: "Unless you do as I say, I will kill X. Hence if you do not obey, you will be responsible for X's death."

There is a danger that the tendency of Americans and West Europeans to blame themselves will eventually reassert itself, unless their leaders take decisive action to deal with Iraq. An embryonic peace party is already visible in Britain, even before the first shot has been fired in anger. Self-appointed British Muslim leaders. from the pro-transan Kalim-Siddigui to the converted former pop star Yusuf Islam, are aligned with anti-Americans from Tony Benn to Enoch Powell in a coalition which could quickly be reinforced once blood is smilt. The hostages will play a central part in all propaganda aimed at saving iraq from suffering the con-sequences of Saddam's incursion

Under these difficult circumstances, the message which Westem leaders must communicate to their peoples is that an enemy incapable of treating hostages even as though they were prisoners of war has no place in civilised company. Mrs Thatcher in particular, with her strong convictions from Judaeo-Christian ethics, is well placed to make the case that there must be no reprieve

Muslims who are ready to abandon old attitudes towards the lives of Christians deserve the greatest respect, for the appeal of Islamic fundamentalism is not easy to resist. But from those who profess to speak for Muslim moderates, both in this country and in the Middle East, a clear condemnation of the Iraqi treatment of hostages is the least that should be expected. Though the Western prohibition of reprisals against hostages is comparatively recent, the Muslim world has been slow to appropriate it.

for Saddam. He has gone too far.

Back on a wing and a prayer

hile everyone in Kuwait is trying desperately to escape, the Venerable Michael Mansbridge. Archdeacon of the Gulf, is doing his best to get back to be with his flock.

Mansbridge and his wife Fiona were on holiday in Britain when they heard of the invasion, but they had no hesitation in deciding to return, in the belief that whatever the danger, their presence was more necessary than ever. "We are hosts to 22 other churches, so we have wide ecumenical responsibilities and people of many different backgrounds come to us for help in a

crisis," says Mansbridge.

Speaking from Abu Dhabi, which is as far as he has got, the archdeacon says: "We feel considerable loyalty to the Kuwaiti government. It has been very generous to the church. I won't say people are not apprehensive, but we are all praying and hoping. Many of their prayers are being

said for the Rev Michael Jones and his wife, Jean, from St Paul's Church, Ahmadi in Kuwait, Nothing has been heard of them since the Iraqis moved in, although a letter from them arrived at Mansbridge's English holiday home on the morning of the invasion. "They were getting ready to leave Kuwait after seven years, but are stuck there - or in Baghdad. They may have been taken there with the British contingent. If so, they won't be at a loss: Michael has often taken holy communion at St George's in

• First prize in the Friends of the Earth's summer fund-raising raffle will take the lucky winner on a "a Middle East adventure". The group is already tiring of suggestions that the second prize should consist of two such adventures.

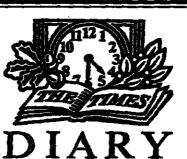
Revolving door usinessmen and holiday-

makers who rely on the annual Good Hotel Guide published by the Consumers Association must brace themselves for an element of confusion over advice on where to lay their heads. Hilary Rubinstein, the guide's creator and editor, and the CA have paried company on less than friendly terms, and in future there will be two rival guides. The original Rubinstein version, recommending establishments throughout Europe, will be published by Macmillan next month, to be followed by the Consumers Association volume, covering

only British hotels. Rubinstein, who started the guide in 1978, is furious with the association's decision to produce a rival. He says the CA originally asked him to sell the copyright of the guide and continue for two years as editor. "I did not care for their offer and made other

publishing arrangements." But Patricia Yates, editor of the rival, to be known as The Which? Hotel Guide and sold by mail order - is unrepentant, "We thought we could use our re-sources more effectively." she says. "All 700 hotels in our guide have been inspected by our own

Rubinstein seems ready to apply whatever sanctions he can;



"I believe they have committed a hostile act," he says. "They have invaded my territory. It's a bit like Saddam Hussein going into

• The managing director of The Catholic Herald has advertised in his own newspaper for secretary. Shorthand and typing are required skills, along with an ability to add. But is it sensible to head the advert "Do you believe in Purgatory?"?

Dad keeps mum

reakfast in the Bernard Balant household is a strangely muted affair these days. At least it has been since ingham's only child. John. moved temporarily back to the family home in Surrey.

Ingham, head of the government information service, is Mrs Thatcher's unofficial voice and has been nicknamed by many the deputy prime minister. That makes life awkward, since Ingham junior, after working at the Manchester office of the Daily Express, is now its diplomatic and defence correspondent in London. John, who will attend his

father's off-the-record lobby briefings, insists that he is not taking advantage of his father's position at the heart of government to scoop his rivals. But do lobby rules apply at the breakfast table? "My father is scrupulously fair." he says. "He never tells me anything."

Paws for nostalgia

wo of the best-known stars in cinema history will be reunited for the first time in nearly 60 years when Fay Wray visits London next month. The American actress made 77 films between 1925 and 1958, but will always be remembered as the woman who survived the clutches

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of King Kong on top of New York's Empire State Building. Now an elegant, youthful 82. Miss Wray is coming to London to promote her autobiography. On the Other Hand. In between booksigning sessions, television inter-

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views and a lecture at the National

Film Theatre, she will meet her old admirer at the Museum of the Moving Image on London's South Bank. The original of the monster which held her in his paws stands no more than 18 inches high and holds pride of place at the mu-seum. There is also a 5ft version of King Kong, standing defiantly atop the Empire State Building with a model Miss Wray perched in his paw. "It's terribly exciting," says a spokeswoman. "This is the first time they have met since the

Miss Wray plans another nostalgic trip a little nearer home. A photocall has been arranged at the Empire State Building, which she last saw in 1934, the year after King Kong was made.

Just a stroll

ord Denning, embroiled in controversy over the Guildford Four, is about to launch himself into another dispute. This time the former Master of the Rolls will not be taking on excabinet ministers, such as Sir Leon Brittan, but Hampshire county council. A tireless campaigner on local countryside issues, he is supporting the 180 villagers of Lasham, near Alton, in their fight to stop the council turning a picturesque footpath into a road. The villagers could not afford a solicitor and turned for help to Denning, who lives nearby and has taken on the planners in the past over similar issues. Does he expect his latest venture to land him in further controversy? I am always getting into hot water, even boiling water, but this should be only lukewarm." he says.

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A MIGHTY UNDERTAKING

SENTENCING VIOLENCE

President Saddam Hussein's grip on his own country has so long been maintained by terror that he may have calculated external reaction to his hostage-taking of foreign civilians in the same terms. His technique for silencing domestic dissent has been simple: merciless destruction of opponents and potential rivals, material favours for the unquestioningly subservient, and networks of informers to control both. By singling out nationals of a handful of Western countries for deportation to military targets, and releasing those of some others, he may have expected Western respect for human life and individual rights to work in his favour, undermining a hitherto remarkably united response to Iraq's invasion of Kuwait.

The messages now reaching him from Baltimore, London and Paris should convince even Saddam that he has again misjudged the international mood, reinforced the consensus he had sought to weaken by fear, and brought the alliance ranged against him closer to military action. France, which had previously declined to join Britain and America in military enforcement of sanctions against Iraq, has ordered its navy to participate. Mrs Thatcher has convened the British war cabinet in urgent session and Douglas Hurd, while carefully restating Britain's determination to deter an attack on Saudi Arabia and to make sanctions effective, has not ruled out "further measures". And President Bush, who yesterday for the first time described the Americans in Iraq and Kuwait as "hostages", told applauding American war veterans that America refused to be intimidated.

Mr Bush has now warned his countrymen in the gravest tones that aggression must be checked and "evil" confronted - a task involving not only patience and careful planning, but "personal sacrifice". American forces would, he said, be given "whatever it takes to help them complete their mission". He could have given no clearer indication that Saddam's resort to blackmail has rendered unrealistic the policy of waiting for economic

The approach of the Conservative party

conference rather than some new penal insight

no doubt explains the announcement yes-

terday by Home Office minister John Patten

that the government is to get tough with

persistent violent and sex offenders. He

proposed that their sentences should be

lengthened specifically to protect the public in

the future, overriding the common and fair

assumption that the punishment should reflect

Violent and sexual crimes are to be exempt

from the principle of proportionality in

sentencing that is to be contained in the new,

Criminal Justice Bill to be presented to the

next session of Parliament. That was first said

in the white paper published in February, so all

Mr Patten did vesterday is to announce that he

has accepted his own advice. He felt the need

for a timely piece of news management,

dressing up the bill as a crackdown on the most

frightening kind of criminal behaviour when in

fact the principal (and welcome) effect of the

bill will be to encourage fewer and lighter

prison sentences for non-violent crimes. He

The Home Office needs no persuading that

too many criminals are being sent to prison for

too long, but that is not the sort of proposition

that wins standing ovations from the Tory

faithful. The government's political difficulties

in this area are real enough. Public opinion,

alarmed by repeated announcements that

recorded crime has risen yet again, is still in a

punitive mood towards the criminal, still sees a

heavy sentence as the best deterrent. The

public has been slow to understand that

prisons are colleges of crime, and that bad and

overcrowded prisons, of which Britain has too

less likely) to lead a productive and law-

abiding life when they leave. The wide

Sir Claus Moser, president of the British

Association and former head of the govern-

ment's statistical services, has made as all-

embracing a declaration on the state of British

education as has been heard for many a day.

This country, he stated in his presidential

address yesterday, is "in danger of becoming

one of the least adequately educated of all the

advanced nations". He produced much famil-

iar and uncontested evidence to make his case,

from the high number of children leaving full-

time education at 16 to dissatisfaction with the

way basic subjects are taught and the poor

Sir Claus is made "sad and angry": by the

poor educational paths experienced by the

majority of our children". Few would disagree

with his sentiment. But he also advances a

more contentious thesis. He suspects that "at

root, Britain . . . does not care as much about

education as other countries". Here he is surely

wrong. How children should be educated has

been an issue of hot and constant debate since

It began with the postwar establishment by R.

A. Butler of a secondary school system which

was available to all, regardles of means and

including a grammar school element which led

potentially to university and professional

status. That system, though at first lauded, was

then stigmatised as socially unfair and divisive

and from the Sixties onwards, it was steadily

replaced by comprehensive secondary schools.

New attitudes to teaching in both primary and

secondary schools were also devised which

diminished the emphasis on formal learning

the goods. They were increasingly criticised for

producing too many ill-educated children

lacking the basic standards of literacy and

numeracy. In the last decade, successive

education secretaries have therefore tried to

rescue educational standards, but their rem-

edies have often been resisted by the educa-

These educational fashions did not deliver

quality of teachers.

the war.

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many, degrade and brutalise their inmates.

has his reasons.

only the severity of the crime itself.

sanctions against Iraq to bite, building up deterrence and keeping American powder dry. By evoking Eisenhower's address to Allied troops before the Normandy invasion, that "great and mighty undertaking", he has also served notice that if military action is unavoidable, there will be no half-measures.

The American president has repeated his demand for the release of all foreigners, and formally held the Iraqi government responsible for the safety and wellbeing of American citizens. Saddam is continuing to deport them from Kuwait to Iraq, along with more than a hundred Britons and a smaller number of French and West Germans, and has compounded fears for their safety by confirming that they have been moved to military targets and announcing that diplomats of countries which do not close their embassies in Kuwait by Friday will lose their immunity. Powerless to protect civilians, they would then themselves be hostages.

Mr Bush is rightly still determined to act if at all possible in concert not only with America's Arab and Western allies, but with the agreement and even active support of the Soviet Union, to whose role in the fight against Hitler he referred. The initial coalition defending Saudi Arabia is not only holding firm, it now extends to other threatened states in the Gulf. But the Soviet Union continues to make support for military action conditional on UN authorisation.

That must be urgently sought, if necessary by convening a meeting of the foreign ministers of the five permanent members. Iraq has, as Mr Bush said yesterday, launched "a ruthless assault on the very essence of international order". The UN, symbol of that order, has very little time left to align itself unequivocally against aggression by sanctioning the use of force. Saddam has spurned every UN resolution, and multiplied his violations of international law. If force has to be used, as is increasingly hard to avoid, diplomacy should be seen not as an alternative but as its adjunct.

discretion judges now enjoy in sentencing will

be somewhat limited by the Criminal Justice

Bill. It is limited already, in effect, by the right

to appeal against a sentence which is out of line

with normal custom. But the criteria applied

by judges and by the Court of Appeal have

The clear implication of February's white

paper was that the government is not happy

with the way the judges have been using their

sentencing discretion. Prison sentences have

been on average longer than they needed to be:

judges have failed to make sufficient use of the

many alternatives to prison with which in

recent years the law has equipped them. So the

Criminal Justice Bill will lay down the

principles of sentencing which judges should

follow, in the knowledge that if they do not

have to bear in mind is that any conviction

dealt with by a court previously has already

been punished by the previous sentence, and

the individual should not be punished twice by

the imposition of a lengthier prison term than

his crime deserves. Mr Patten, following the

white paper, proposes that violent and sexual

crime should be an exception to this principle.

on the grounds that some criminals must be

taken out of circulation not just because of

what they have done in the past but also

because of what they might do in the future.

When imposing this extra sentence, judges will

If this power is not to be an invitation to

injustice it will need to be most carefully

defined in the bill and even more carefully

supervised by the Court of Appeal. Such an

exception may be the necessary price Mr

Patten has to pay for the political acceptance of

his otherwise enlightened sentencing reforms;

but he would have been wiser not to make a

tionalists (and sociologists), in and beyond

Whitehall, who dominate attitudes towards

The latest stage in this process has been the

government's introduction of the national

curriculum designed to see that every child

pursues certain basic subjects and has his

attainment regularly tested. In the hands of the

educational establishment, however, the nat-

ional curriculum was applied with so much

self-destructive detail as to alarm even Mrs

Thatcher, who had fervently supported it. For

the education secretary John MacGregor, the

national curriculum was made an uphill task.

thought or funds, as Sir Claus suggests, which

has bedevilled British education, as the deep

doctrinal divisions in Britain about educa-

tion's social purpose. It is not that people do

not care about education or that (as Sir Claus

oddly thinks) that it is in thrall to social

attitudes ingrained in Whig England. It is that

education has become a political battleground.

Another main theme of Sir Claus's address

was the diminished status of social scientists

now. For this he holds the government largely

responsible, though he also admits that social

scientists, in their respected, postwar "golden

years," may have "over-estimated their prob-

lem-solving capacity". He laments the present

government's reduction of economists and

other social scientists since the Rayner review

of 1980. Yet it was from the social engineering

ambitions fashionable among sociologists that

Sir Claus recommends a Royal Commission

on education (or at least a prime minister's

committee) which could produce something

analagous to the Robbins report. Roval

Commissions, however, are as useful for

shelving as for solving problems. The real need

is for all concerned with education to put their

sociology aside, adopting standards which are

strictly educational.

many of education's problems have flowed.

In short, it is not so much lack of interest.

have to say so.

virtue out of necessity.

STRICTLY EDUCATIONAL

teaching.

One of the underlying principles they will

apply them, the Court of Appeal will.

been implicit and undeclared.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

UN role in sanctions against Iraq

From Dr Vera Gowliand Sir. There is useful precedent for

the debate on the legality of "blockade" as distinct from "embargo". When, in April 1966, the UK was faced with the necessity of taking similar action to interdict foreign tankers heading towards Beira (the then Portuguese port of Mozambique) with oil destined for Southern Rhodesia in contravention of the embargo recommended by the Security Council in November 1965, Lord Caradon (Britain's UN representative) had stated that a resolution from the council was essential

to enable the United Kingdom to take within the law all steps, including the use of force as the situation may demand, to stop the arrival at Beira of ships taking oil to the rebel regime . . . Without the authority of the Security Council . . . the United Kingdom Government has to face deliance of the United Nations with its hands tied.

It is even more illuminating to quote the solemn words of Mr Goldberg, then US representative, who had declared:

What the United Kingdom is asking for... is one of the gravest and most far-reaching proposals that has been made to this Council... The question of intercepting vessels on the high seas, the question of arresting and detaining them, is a matter that has a long history in the field of international law. We are field of international law . . . We are asked in the Security Council . . . to put our sanction upon what will be a rule of international law -- that when this Council acts, vessels on the high seas can be arrested and detained in the interest of the international law which we will be making here today.

This led to the adoption by the council of the so-called Beira resolution which specifically authorized the UK to prevent, by the use of force if necessary, vessels

attempting to break the oil embargo. Yours sincerely, VERA GOWLLAND,

10c chemin Rojoux, 1231 Conches, Geneva, Switzerland. August 17.

From Professor H. W. Singer Sir, We all welcome the revived role of a reinvigorated United Nations in the peace-keeping process in the Gulf crisis. There is now strong interest in a revival of the Military Staff Committee as part of the Security Council mechanism, as envisaged in the UN Charter. The creation of a UN naval force is now talked about taking up a proposal made four years ago by the Russians during the Iran-Iraq war.
Perhaps this is the time to point

out the need for complementary action on the economic side - to equip the UN also with a financial arm, to compensate countries for losses suffered as a result of complying with their sanctions obligations, or possibly as un-intended victims of a blockade.

In fact it was foreseen that the UN should be given a soft-aid fund to be administered under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council (Ecosoc). This proposal for a special United Nations fund for economic development (Sunfed) was duly elaborated in the 1950s, but in the atmosphere of the McCarthy years in the US it did not stand any chance of implementation. Has the time come now to reconsider?

Yours, H. W. SINGER. The Institute of Development Studies at the University of Sussex.

ibly prevent the schools from

reopening.
Such actions, as well as a ban on

organised alternative teaching, can only suggest that the Israeli

government is using the denial of

the human right to education with

its consequent imposition of ig-

norance as a collective punish-

ment to suppress the natural resentment of the Palestinian

people after years of military

occupation. The damaging effect

will be felt by children and young

people far into the future. They

know this as well as their elders

We trust that the strongest

possible remonstrations on this

matter will be made by individ-

uals, HM Government, and the

governments of the European Community to the Israeli govern-

ment, in support of those made by UNRWA.

Unipal (Universities' Educational Fund for Palestinian Refugees). RICHARD PHILLIPS (Director). ELEANOR AITKEN

Yours sincerely. BASIL HEMBRY, Chair

DOROTHY HODGKIN. MARY WARNOCK,

12 Helen Road, Oxford.

(Founder trustee).

ADRIAN.

August 14.

and it increases their anger.

Brighton, East Sussex. August 17,

Palestinian education From the Chairman of Unipal and

Sir, The forcible closure by the Israeli authorities of educational institutions in the West Bank and Gaza Strip is causing great and justifiable bitterness. All six Palestinian universities have been closed for nearly three years, and most colleges of higher education. Since the 18-month-long total closure of West Bank schools and the effective closure of those in the Gaza Strip through continual prolonged curfews, many individual schools in both areas have been similarly prevented from functioning.

We have just learnt, for instance, that five schools in Tulkarem refugee camp (West Bank), closed by military order from February 11 to May 22 and during several curfews in June. month, to make up during the school holidays for some of the time lost. The Israeli authorities demanded, however, that the schools should be closed again from July 2, and warned UNRWA (the UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees), which runs them, that they would forc-

London's vacant see From Mr Brian P. Price

Sir, Prebendary Barnes (August 11) states that it is increasingly difficult to find churches where the authorised services of the (Anglican) Church are being used within the London diocese. I find this surprising. Authorised services are indicated in the third sentence of the preface to the Alternative Service Book: "The ASB, as its name implies, is intended to supplement the Book of Common Prayer, not to super-

sede it". In my experience, the BCP is possibly used more in London diocese than elsewhere. In other dioceses, where liberal and Evangelical notions have sway over the traditional, main Sunday services are predominantly ASB whilst BCP has virtually disappeared: the congregations may then be more worryingly low than even those in London diocese.

Liturgical ideas and practices in London may be in the geographical minority, but they are authorised and could be adopted to advantage elsewhere, if the trends in Church attendance

(which the introduction of the ASB was supposed to stem but manifestly has not) are to be reversed.

Yours faithfully, BRIAN P. PRICE. Falstaff Cottage, Barrow Green Road, Oxted, Surrey. August 12.

From the Bishop of Fulham Sir. My work takes me to many different parish churches in this diocese and I therefore have more opportunities of observing them than does Mr Barnes.

In my experience their effectiveness or otherwise depends not on the bishop of the diocese, the tradition of churchmanship or the rite used, but on the character of the pastor. The many gifted ones i come across are not usually the sort of people who would write unkind letters about a bishop who serves the Lord and his people with distinction and devotion.

school I hardly spent any time in

organised sport. About five years ago a friend introduced me to

weight-training, which I quite en-

joyed. This led me to try other

physical activities such as rock-

climbing and wrestling, which I

would once never have contem-

I am left with two regrets - the

years during which I could have

enjoyed some sporting activity and did not and the thought that

these were the very years when I

could have reached my peak

possible level of performance. I

doubt if more compulsory school

sport would have helped.

Yours faithfully. C. G. del STROTHER.

32a Dancer Road.

plated.

Yours sincerely. †JOHN FULHAM. Cambridge Place, W8. August 15.

School sport

From Mr Colin del Strother

Sir, I agree with Sir Roger Bannister (August 7) that as many children as possible should maintain a habit of sport and exercise into adult life, but from personal experience I feel compulsory school sport sometimes has the Opposite result.

Probably as a result of the combination of short-sight, little natural coordination and a family where sport was not encouraged. I found compulsory sport associated with public humiliation and the mockery of team-mates. This did not have the "confidencebuilding" effect such activities are meant to inspire.

For nearly 10 years after leaving

From pillar to post

From the Rector of Odd Rode

Sir, When in my previous parish.

we were told that we were no

longer in Cheshire but in Greater

Manchester, the Post Office asked

us to continue to address our

letters to Cheshire, as it was hard

to cope with the new large county

area although postcodes had been

Since then I have moved to

south Cheshire, where the prob-

lem is reversed. Our postcode is

ST7 showing that letters come via

in use for some years.

Richmond, Surrey. Stoke-on-Trent. However, if we fail to put Stoke-on-Trent in the address, or worse, if we put Cheshire there, our post is delayed: envelopes are scrawled. Try Stoke-on-Trent" or. some-

what insultingly, "SOT".

Apart from the fact that I find it deeply offensive that I am not allowed to use the name of my natal county, it is also confusing. Stoke-on-Trent is classed as Midlands, which means that a wellknown firm of ecclesiastical tailors from the West Country invites me

to Birmingham (50 miles away),

although it has a branch in Manchester (25 miles away): insurance companies class us as city-dwell-

Steps to improve lawyers' efficiency

From the Treasurer of the Bar Council

Sir, Both branches of the legal profession are keen to implement the recommendations of the efficiency commission. There is thus no justification in your leading article of August 16, "A surfeit of lawyers", to use the words "glaring

COTTUPI practices".

The Bar has been in the forefront of change in relation to the recommendations of the efficiency commission, many of which have emanated from initiatives of the Bar Council. The Bar Council changed its rules to allow junior counsel to appear unattended by a solicitor three years ago, well in advance of the subsequent recommendations of the efficiency commission.

The rule allowing QCs to appear alone had been promulgated by the Bar Council in the late 1970s but the restriction on barristers doing so in criminal legal aid cases was due, not to the Bar's rules, but to the wording of the criminal iegal aid regulations. These were only amended by the Government in February 1989. It is worth recording that it is not uncommon for QCs to appear alone for the prosecution in criminal cases and also in civil cases.

QCs are only instructed in serious, complex or sensitive cases. If a junior barrister has already been instructed, worked on the case and formed a relationship of confidence with the client. it would be to the disadvantage of the client if the junior was dismissed when the QC was instructed. The solution is for cases suitable for a QC alone to be identified by the solicitor before he applies for legal aid, so that his application is for a QC alone.

It is of course important to ensure that there is a proper use of public money. At the same time, the interests of the legally-aided litigant must be safeguarded to avoid criminal legal aid becoming a second-class service. Yours faithfully. ANTHONY THORNTON,

Treasurer.
The Bar Council.

II South Square, Gray's Inn., WC1. From Mr Jeremy Allen

Sir, Your leading article drew attention to the comparatively

Yours etc.. JEREMY ALLEN (Chairman, criminal law committee), The Law Society. 113 Chancery Lane, WC2. August 16. often too young and inexperienced be levelled at Ashridge. Our MBA is designed for people with more

than five years' management

experience and an average age of

34. We select managers who are

destined to become future senior

general managers, and not those "likely to take a seat on managing

Finally, we reject the blanket

allegation that business schools

fail to listen to their clients. Our

MBA is based on a major "live"

project undertaken by managers

on behalf of their companies and

agreed in close consultation with

the sponsoring company. It must

fulfil a real business need.

L. I. HANDY (Director).

Ashridge Management College, Berkhamsted, Hertfordshire.

Yours faithfully,

From Dr Laurence Handy

degree" (Appointments, August 9), alleges that business school programmes are "based on functional specialisms" which tend to be "little more than collections of disparate inputs" from tutors committees", whose backgrounds have been Finally, we "confined" to their faculties.

NHS reforms From Dr A. J. Seeley

Sir, Mrs Lucille Campey (August 10) doesn't seem to be able to answer Professor Sir Bryan Thwaites's question (July 31). GP budgets, although finite, will apparently be able to provide their patients with full and proper treatment with no question of patients not getting the treatment they need. Like most of the Government's propaganda on the reforms, principles are strong but details are scarce. In negotiations with our re-

gional health authority it has been made clear that the total amount of our budget would be exactly the same as the health service currently spends on our patients for

Efta admissions to EC From Lord Cockfield

Sir, I have never at any time expressed views on the admission of Efta countries to the European Community of the kind attributed to me by Mr Coleman (August 18); nor by any stretch of the imagination can my speech in the House of Lords (report, June 23) bear the interpretation that Mr Coleman tries to put upon it.

On the contrary, in that speech I clearly and strongly supported Austria's application to join the Community. Equally, if other Efta members applied to join, I would support them also.

The simple truth, however, of which Mr Coleman seems to be unaware, is that at present no other Efia member has applied to ioin, and that stems from domestic considerations of their own. Mr Coleman says that he "fails to understand". That, I think, is the clearest possible verdict on his

Yours faithfully, COCKFIELD, House of Lords.

ers, but I live in a rectory surrounded by fields of cows. sheep, and potatoes. Those who put houses on the market find that prices are affected. And all because the Post Office won't use the

Yours etc. NIGEL ELBOURNE Odd Rode Rectory. Church Lane. Scholar Green, Cheshire. аrrangements under which barristers may appear in the crown court with a solicitor's representative in attendance. However, your comment that "solicitors still

regularly attend when they are not needed" takes far too simplistic an

instructed.

approach. The proposals of the efficiency commission quite properly concentrated on ensuring that the interests of the defendant were paramount. So they recognise that a solicitor would be justified in attending court where the defen-dant is a person at risk (such as a juvenile, or a person with an inadequate knowledge of English); where the defendant was likely to receive a substantial sentence of imprisonment, or to receive an immediate sentence of imprisonment for the first time; where witnesses need to be marshalled; or where the barrister appearing was not the barrister originally

Proceedings in crown court are a very serious matter indeed and it would be quite wrong to expect defendants to be represented by a barrister who was not personally familiar with the case, without a representative from the solicitor's firm in attendance. The pressure on solicitors and their staff is such that they will not wish to attend cases unless they see the need to do so, especially as the legal aid allowances rarely cover the cost of attendance.

Late changes in the barrister instructed are far too frequent. The main reason for that is that the crown court in its understandable determination to make the maximum use of judicial time. is reluctant to give fixed advance dates for hearings generally and refuses to do so in the smaller cases to which the new arrangements could apply. It is thus commonplace for barristers to find themselves instructed in two or more cases due to take place in different courts on the same day. There is little either branch of the profession can do about that; the remedy lies in the Lord Chancellor's Department's hands.

infrequent use made of the new

Business courses

Sir, Your article, "A question of

This is certainly not the case at Ashridge, where our general management programmes, including our MBA (master's degree in business administration) pro-gramme, are issue-based and taught by interdisciplinary staff. These individuals have solid business experience and are not

Neither can the charge that managers taking MBA degrees are

August 13.

the defined items covered within the budget. For years our health authorities. faced with the need for treatment outstripping their budgets, have looked for efficiency savings or. failing those, to restrict the service. Rationing is produced by generating waiting lists, closing beds and so on.

Budget-holding arrangements will mean that waiting lists will be moved from health authorities to the GP's desk. The hapless budget-holding GP will no doubt then be accused of being inefficient.

Yours sincerely, A. J. SEELEY.

Bridgnorth Medical Practices. Northgate House, 7 High Street. Bridgnorth, Shropshire.

Spelling it out From Mr.4. D. Roper

Sir. The letter from Mr K. A. Yeomans (August 15) mentioning your leading article of August 10 appears to contain an assumption that bad spelling is always the result of poor memory or even mild dyslexia. I would suggest that in many cases it is more fundamental than this. The key to good spelling is not simply a matter of memory but correct education in both the construction and derivation of words. Spelling should not be taught simply as a

In view of the very clearly perceivable large numbers of school leavers now lacking in basic literary skills it really is time that the schools returned to the correct priorities and teaching methods.

Yours faithfully, 88 Marshals Drive. St Albans, Hertfordshire.

Sir, Whenever I see government ministers on television working at their office desks they always seem to be using pen and paper.

Do they not have computers or word processors or do they just not know how to use them? Yours faithfully, J. N. FARROW.

Letters to the Editor should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be sent to a fax number -

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ALAN D. ROPER,

Slow learners? From Mr J. N. Farrow

l Denham Hall, Denham, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk,

(071) 782 5046.

THE TIMES TUESDAY AUGUST 21 1990

trainee in 1961, initially in the Aubrey Singer in 1964. Reid

When he plunged into the documentaries, including pro-

was then the BBCTV features Documentaries; and he helped

and science group, outside initiate other series such as the

ROBERT REID

quiet?

He turned out to be a

remarkably good author, with

books on Madame Curie and

the early pioneers of micro-

biology like Louis Pasteur

(Microbes and Men). He com-

bined much more knowledge

of science than most of the

good writers and producers

and he had a better instinct for

popular entertainment than

most of the good scientists. He

wrote a book about the Ludd-

ites which indicated that he

could be as meticulous in the

sifting of historical evidence

as he was with scientific; the

book was set in the Yorkshire

valley where he was born. He

pursued the same theme in his

next historical work, this time

Reid left the BBC in 1973

and joined, as director, the

independent production com-

pany Video Arts which makes

training films. The founding

members were John Cleesc,

Sir Antony Jay, Peter Robin-

son and Michael Peacock,

former Controller of BBC1

and BBC2. The subjects pro-

duced included how to run a

company, how to conduct a

selection interview, negotiate.

and run meetings. Reid wrote

some of them, including a

very successful film on the

management of change, and

was responsible for a number

The five shareholders sold

At home, Reid had a 500-

discerning mind. At the end of Video Arts on December 6 last

how far is the scientist in the was joint master of Vine and

laboratory still a moral agent Craven Foxhounds. He leaves

or is he or she just dis- his widow and a son and a

those innocent 1960s he wrote year for £44m.

interested; should you publish daughter.

on the Peterioo Massacre.



Robert William Reid, formerly

head of science and features at BBCTV, was found dead at the

age of 57 in his car on August 17. He was born on April 20,

TALENT flourished in BBC

Television under Robert Reid

during the period when he was

head of science and features.

One of the most acclaimed

productions under his aegis

was The Ascem of Man in May 1973, with Dr Jacob Bronowski, which epitomised

much of the ethos of science

programmes at that time.

Bronowski said: "The most

far-reaching change our cen-

tury has set in motion is, I

believe, a shift in our view of

nature and of man's place in

it. That is what *The Ascent of*

There was an element of

prophecy about the statement.

Echoes come in plenty now

that concern with the threat-

ened environment seeks to re-

define people's relationship

with the world and their place

in it. Reid will be remembered

not as having simply a lab-oratory mind, but also the

ability to place the fruits of

science in context, see their

implications, and commu-

nicate the excitement and

sometimes the romance of

discovery to the viewer. He

never sacrificed the rigour of

discipline, the imperative of

evidence and the goal of

ford from 1952-6, did Nat-

ional Service as a

commissioned officer in the

Royal Tank Regiment, serv-

ing in Hong Kong, and ob-

tained a PhD in chemistry at

York, on April 21, 1904.

ALL serious scholars of the

life and works of Thomas

repeatable experiments. Reid read chemistry at Ox-

Man expresses."

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE August 20: The Princess Royal today visited Aberdeenshire and was received by Her Aberdeenshire (Captain Colin Farquharson). Her Royal Monaltrie Court, Ballater. refurbished Craig Unit at the the Children Fund Shop, Regiment.

Princess Margaret celebrates her | Institution of birthday today.

Birthdays today

Mr A.C. Abbott, stage designer, 67; Dame Janet Baker, opera singer, 57; Mr Christopher Brasher, Olympic gold medallist and race director, London Marathon, 62; Mr A.D. Chester-Marainon, 02; Mr A.D. Chester-field, former chairman, Singer and Friedlander, 85; Miss Diana Churchill, actress, 77; Sir Kenneth Cork, former Lord Mayor of London, 77; Lord Goodman, CH, 77; Sir Joshua Hassan, former Chief Minister of Gibraltar, 75; Miss Anne Hobbs, tennis player, 31: the Hon Gerald Lascelles, 66; Dr T.P. McLean, former director, Atomic Weapons Research Establishment, 60; Mr Barry Norman, broadcaster, 57; the Earl of Normanton, 45; Mr Sam Tan on Ponnanion, 45; Mr Sam Toy, former chairman, Ford Motor Company, 67; Lieuten-ant-General Sir Richard Vickers, 62.

Luncheon **HM** Government

Mrs Lynda Chalker, Minister of State for Foreign and Common-wealth Affairs, was host at a luncheon given by Her Majesty's Government yesterday at Lancaster House in honour of Mr Dimitar Zhuley.

Aberdeen and was received by The Lord Provost of Aberdeen (Councillor Robert Robertson). The Princess Royal sub-Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for sequently opened the new Sheltered Housing Scheme at

Highness opened the new Rest and Rehabilitation Centre at Royal, Colonel in Chief, The Belwade. Afterwards Her Royal Scots (The Royal Regi-Royal Highness opened the ment) received Lieutenant General Sir Robert Richard-Royal Aberdeen Children's son at Balmoral Castle on his Hospital and visited the Save retirement as Colonel of the

Mechanical **Engineers**

The Institution of Mechanical Engineers is pleased to an-nounce that the following have been admitted to the class of Fellow and are permitted to use the designation FIMechE:

Dr D.P. Abam. Nigeria: Epring R.J. Bacod. Pertsmouth: Ir Jaswindar Striph Bhar. Malaysia: Malor General A.S.J. Blacker, MOD: Mr M.F.G. Boast. St Albans: Euring E.J.N. Brooker. Romsey. Hampshire: Mr S.Q. Byworth. Brisok. Mr S.W.

Lincoln's Inn

The Rt Hon Antonio Lamer, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Canada, has accepted an invitation to become an Honorary Bencher of Lincoln's

Brightest comet may be seen by naked eye

By NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

THE brightest comet visible at an angle of about 45 night sky. It is already visible present between the constellaexpected to get brighter over phinus and by next weekend it the next ten days.

in May by David Levy, an regularly visit the earth, such never to return.

look into the sky late at night is edge-on and cannot be seen.

from Britain for the past seven degrees, facing between south years can now be seen in the and southeast. The comet is at with the naked eye and is tions of Pegasus and Del-Comet Levy was discovered brightest star in Aquila.

An ordinary pair of binocu-American amateur astrono- lars makes the comet much mer, who spends many hours easier to see, but Dr Jacsearching the sky for comets. queline Mitton of the Royal However, unlike comets that Astronomical Society says she was able to see it easily with as Halley's Comer, the new the naked eve last Thursday one is on an orbit that will take night from the centre of it out of the solar system. Cambridge. The comet appears as a hazy, roughly The best way to see Comet circular patch of light. It lacks ideally in the country and well because we are looking at it away from street lights, and from a direction where the tail

and Miss K.M. Edwards

The engagement is announced between Francis, eldest son of

Burloes. Royston. Hertford-shire. and Katharine, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Timo-thy Edwards, of Grandon Court,

Upton Bishop, Herefordshire.

The engagement is announced between Grant, elder son of Mr

and Mrs John Richardson, of Christchurch, New Zealand, and Caroline, daughter of Mr-and Mrs Geoffrey Bristow, of

Mr G.N. Richardson

Manson, Gloucester.

and Miss L.J. Smith

will be just south of Altair, the

title Thomas Hardy: A Bibliographic Study, published by the Oxford University Press in

nost excessively gentlemanly on several occasions up to her to Purdy) Anglophile, went to Yale in death in 1937.

Professor Richard Little sor) until he retired in 1970, friends with several Hardy Millgate on the seven-volume this vexed area) but also died in Chatham, New Jersey having more to do with the poet Henry Reed, who also on August 7 aged 86. He was various libraries at Yale. He born in Middletown, New was trained in bibliography by Chauncey B. Tinker, an exacting scholar and task master who venerated books above

talks department of television.

was in the world at large an

innocent optimism about the

subject; this was the age of the

white heat of the technological

revolution, and anyone who

did not believe in it was a

Queens' College. Cambridge. and science group, outside initiate other series such He joined the BBC as a general broadcasts department, under James Burke "specials".

Robert Reid joined what

fuddy-duddy.

It fell to Purdy to organise Hardy came to depend on the American Richard Purdy. Bean exhibition of Hardy's books and papers on the poet's fore there was a reliable biography, all Hardy students death in January 1928, were told to read "Purdy" — Through this formidable ef-'Purdy" being the magisterial fort he got into touch with Florence Hardy, the writer's unhappy and insecure widow. She approved of his propo-1954 and kept in print ever sition for a bibliography (he would never have thought of Purdy, a painfully shy, anything so personal as a to produce the best and fairest

all other objects.

knew Mrs Hardy and who, for many years, was supposed to be engaged on the definitive biography. Mrs Hardy told Purdy and Reed more of what she knew about her husband (which was not everything) than she told anyone else, and of the two of them it was Purdy to whom she told the

presentation of science, there grammes on Einstein and the dramatised 1978 series The

glimpses into the future. In

1969, he became head of

World, and many Tuesday

PROFESSOR RICHARD LITTLE PURDY

affinity of temperament. Purdy was to use that special knowledge later when he worked with the young English scholar, Michael Millgate. It enabled the latter

most, for they had a certain

Puray: scholar and academic. He did not shine as a teacher, scholars, most particularly the Collected Letters, also pub-breaking new ground in its use service to Hardy scholarship. It was Purdy who first

wrote the script for the

working on Tomorrow's the time informing Reid's of commissioned films as well.

sible for Horizon, Tomorrow's called Tongues of Conscience: acre farm near Newbury and

made a number of major him, the narrative writer. He

Manhattan Project, as well as Voyage of Charles Darwin. All

World with its enticing approach was an unusually

science and features, respon- a book about moral issues

that Florence Hardy's socalled Life of her husband had in fact been written (surreptitiously) by Hardy himself. She had merely finished it off from his notes. Again, it was Purdy's younger collaborator, Michael Millgate, who gave a proper edition of this

book to the world. Purdy had begun his career with an edition of the first version, for the Clarendon Press, of Sheridan's The Risomewhat withdrawn and al- biography), and he visited her Hardy biography (dedicated vals. His Hardy bibliography most excessively gentlemanly on several occasions up to her to Purdy) in 1982 and gave of 1954 is one of the outstand-

lished by Oxford University of its judicious and infor-Press. This, too, was sterling mative commentary. But he was extremely modest, and quite content to work behind revealed, in a 1940 lecture, the scenes on the Letters, a monument worthy to rank

with his biographical studies. He was an enormously learned man, not only in the highways and byways of Hardy scholarship, but also in the English literature of the latter half of the 19th century,

and in opera - particularly Wagnerian opera. Not perhaps altogether a happy man, because of his over-fastidiousness and refusal to accept contemporary developments him the edge of his compet- ing ones of great writers in our Purdy was nevertheless a shin- sailing and ski-touring. She is 1922. He stayed there (even-Purdy continued to come to itors. From 1978 until 1988 time, being not only metical ingexample of that rare thing. Survived by her husband and tually as an associate profes-Britain, where he had made Purdy collaborated with lons (almost beyond belief in the pure scholar.

CHARLOTTE RYCROFT

Charlotte Susanna Rycroft, ambassadress, died on August 13 aged 49 in a motoring accident in Canada where she was holidaying. She was born on June 14; 1941. the truth that could damage the world, or should you keep

CHARLOTTE Rycroft possessed a formidable array of talents: she combined intelligence, allied to physical and mental energy, with a talent for establishing an immediate rapport with all those whom she met in the course of her diplomatic career. They were people from very different walks, and areas, of life.

She entered the Foreign Office when she was 23 and quickly showed she was able 10 switch from one field to another with seemingly little effort. Her early specialisation was Laun America, followed in succession by work on energy and disarmament in London, political postings in Eastern Europe, commercial and economic assignments in both Brussels and Ottawa, and then a stint with the Central Policy Review Staff, the government's think tank.

Her final appointme as Head of West African Department in the Foreign and Commonwealth Office. where she was also HM Ambassador (non-resident) to Chad. Although a relative newcomer to African affairs, she quickly grasped the complexities of the issues involved among 24 West and Central African countries. She presented her credentials to the President of Chad carlier this year in the midst of a fierce Sahalian sandstorm. As she was bowied along the red carpet, she skilfully retained both her dignity and her hat to the delight of the receiving Chadian protocol officials and ponont angre.

The daughter of a regular army colonel killed in action in 1944 in Yugoslavia, Charlotte Rycroft was educated at St George's School for Girls, Edinburgh, Malvern Girls' College and Girton College, Cambridge, graduating in French and Spanish in 1964, Possessing a natural wanderlust, she set her sights firmly on a diplomatic career. She achieved her goal and travelled widely throughout her life, both as a diplomat and as a private person on holiday.

in 1976 she married Nigel Wenban-Smith a fellow diplomat. Together they achieved a model husband-wife career within the same profession. managing to run their work and their family together in Brussels, London and Ottawa, contrary to the predictions of the sceptics.

Charlotte Rycroft enjoyed a wide range of outside interests. She read extensively and enjoyed the arts and, since her youth, had been an enthutwo young sons.

Forthcoming marriages Lord Gerald Fitzalan Howard Sir Francis Newman Bt

and Miss E. Roberts

The engagement is announced between Lord Gerald Fitzalan Howard, younger son of the Duke and Duchess of Norfolk. and of Lady Newman, of and Miss Emma Roberts, youngest daughter of the late Dr Desmond Roberts and of Mrs Susan Roberts.

Mr D.R. Hughes and Miss P.L. Davies

The engagement is announced between David, son of Mr and Mrs Hesketh Hughes, of West Kirby, Wirral, and Penny, youngest daughter of Mr John P. Davies, of Moreton, Wirral, and Mrs Enid Davies, of Oxton,

Mr M.S. Rice and Miss A. Verner-Jeffreys

and Miss A. Verner-Jeffreys
The engagement is announced between Matthew Simon, younger son of Mr and Mrs John H.
Rice, of Lower Bourne, Farnham. Surrey, and Annabel, daughter of Mr and Mrs Robert Verner-Jeffreys, of Farnham.

and Miss L.J. Smith
The engagement is announced between Adrian, only son of Dr and Mrs L.M. Smith, of Harpenden, Hertfordshire, and Louise, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs T.H. Smith, of Guisborough, North Yorkshire.

Marriages Mr J. Birkmyre and Miss L.A. Lyon

A service of blessing was held on Saturday, August 18, at St Mary's Church, Buckland, Oxfordshire, following the mar-riage of James, son of Mr and Mrs Archibald Birkmyre, of The Old Presbytery, Buckland, and Leslie Amanda, elder daughter of Dr and Mrs Richard Lyon, of Seal Beach, California, The Rev W.L. Glazebrook officiated.

Latest wills

Sir Mark Dalcour Tennant, of London SW7, former deputy secretary of the Department of the Environment and pre-viously at the Ministry of Public Buildings and Works, left estate valued at £1,063,389 nct.

Major General Victor David Graham Campbell, of Beggars
Bush, South Brent, Devon,
Chief of Staff Scottish Command 1954-57, chairman of
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more for the Sheffield Industrial Museum, £2,000 to St. John's Parish Church, Bamford, £1,000 Sobhuza 11, King of Swaziland to Bamford Old Folks Associ- 1899-1982, 1982.

The marriage took place quietly on Saturday, August 18, 1990. followed by a service of blessing at Holy Trinity Church, Great Paxton, between Patrick Woollard, of Manor Farmhouse, Great Paxton, Hunting-don, Cambridgeshire, and Anna Burt-Andrews, (nèe Saunders) of Huntingdon. Cambridgeshire. Their respective sons and daughters were in attendance. ation, and the residue to the

Edna Eileen Marian Rew, of

Trowbridge, Wiltshire, left estate valued at £123,000 net. She

left £13,000 and effects to

personal legatees, and the residue to the United Church,

Mr J.P. Woollard and Mrs A.M. Burt-Andrews

Church Street, Trowbridge.

BIRTHS: St Francis de Sales, doctor of the Church, near Annecy, France, 1567; Jean Baptiste Greuze, painter, Macon. 1725; William Murdock, inventor, Auchinleck, Strath-clyde, 1754; William IV, reigned 1830-37, Buckingham Palace, ## 1705; August Bournonville

Mr David Kenelm Hamblin, of
Church Farm, Kirklington, Nottinghamshire, left estate valued
at £2,320,360 net.

1705; August Bournonville
writer, Copenhagen, 1805; Aubrey Beardsley, illustrator,
Brighton, 1872; 'Count' Basie,
Red Bank, New Jersey, 1904. Mr Thomas Richard Charles- DEATHS: Richard Crashaw. worth, of Bamford, Derbyshire, retired engineer, left estate valued at £142,315 net. He left personal legacies totalling £15,500, £20,000 to his executors for the Shaffield Industrial Institution Autualit 1213, Single Property of the Royal Institution Autualit 1213, Single Property of the Royal Institution Autualit 1213, Single Property of the Royal Institution Autualit 1213, Single Property of the Shaffield Industrial Institution Autualit 1213, Single Property of the Shaffield Industrial Institution Autualit 1213, Single Property of Bandon Charles and Charles DEATHS: Richard Crashavir Charles DEATHS: Richard Crashavir Charles DEATHS: Richard Crashavir Charles DEATHS: Richard Crashavir Death C Institution. Auteuil, 1814: Sir Jacob Epstein. London, 1959;

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COMMOR - On August 18th. to Frances (née Searle) and Gino a Son. Aaron John. a brother for Lauren.

COURSON - On August 18th. to Jane (née Rahardi) and John. a dughter. Harriet Charlotte. a sister for Charlotte.

CRAIGEN - On August 14th, at Ouern Mother's Hospital. Glasgow, to Flons (nee Hamilton) and Michigel, a son, Stephen Anthony.

CRAME - On August 17th, at Ouern Charlotte's Hospital, to Carole (nee Donovan) and Edward. Edward, a daughter. Frederica (Freddie) Bestrice. DEUCHAR - On August 15th 1990, at West Middleser Hospital. to Carolyn and Lachtan, a son, Angus. GREVALE-HEYGATE - On August 6th. to Emma (nee Bosworth) and Jeremy, a son, Oliver.

GWATKIN - On August 13m. to Alex (née Cripps) and Simon. a son. Joshua John Slapieton, a brother to Holly and Jamie. JENNINGS - On August 16th 1990, to Pairick and Jayne. a son. Edward Thomas Patrick. a brother for Victoria, Joanna and Charlotte.

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MANGONTIZ - On August
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inte Prillips), a daughter.
Charlotte Elizabeth Mary, at
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MURPHY - On August 12th, at The Portland Hospital, to Flona thee Mckinney) and Nell, a daughter, Zara MEEDS - On August 19th, at The Portland Hospital, to Julia thee Tilbury) and Nicholas. a daughter. Josephine Emma.

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PLANT - On August 12th, to Antonia (née Risch) and Tom, a daughter, Laura Jessica, a sister for Benjamin and Oliver.

RUGHAM - On August 7th, to Sue (née Eilbeck) and Amar, a son, Guy Vikram. SPEKE - On August 16th, to Alisa and Ben, a daughter. STEWART - On August 16th. to Judy (née Bamford) and James, a daughter, Emma Victoria Walson.

VAUGHAN - On August 19th. at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Janet thee Heckman) and Dermot, a daughter. Amelia Esther. YAMANAKA - On August 18th at The Portland Hospital, to Shokro and Nahoko, a second daughter, Niwako.

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DEATHS ALEXANDER On August 19th. Petechnily at home atter a long illness. Carol ianne Caroline Margareth, widow of Thain and much loved daughter of Nancy Robertson and the late Sir James Robertson. Funetal Service at Oakley Wood Crematorium, Learnington, at 3 pm on August 25td. Family flowers only please and domations if desired to Imperial Canter Research Fund, 90 Box 123, Lincolns Ilm Fields, London.

ARDONTZ - On August 3rd, in a nursing home in St Leonards-on-Sea, Deaceholy after a long liness bravely borne. Agavin Elise Ardoniz. Betoved mother of Sona. Through her character and her artistry her life has been an inspiration to 50 many. She will indeed he sadly missed. The funeral service has taken place.

ARMETAGE - On August 17th 1990. Robert Alston, aged 64 years, suddenly at his home in Great Coxwell, a dearly loved husband of Maureen and much loved brother and lincle. Funeral Service at St. Giles Church, Great Coxwell, 1 tm Friday August 24th. Family flowers only, donations it desired to: Cardio-Renal Unit, Princess Margaret Hospital C/o A.E. Baker & Sons. Cardinal House, 5 Park Road, Faringdon. (0367) 240572.

BARER - On Saturday August COLBURN - On August 19th 1990, Oscar Henry, CB.E., D.L. of Crickley Barrow, Northleach, Gloucestershire aged 65 years, husband of Juan. Plantal family huneral. A Service of Thanksgiving will be held to Northleach Church at 3 pm on Friday September 28th 1990.

Faringdon. (0367) 240572.

BARER - On Saturday August 18th. at home. Eve Ulyott. aged 84 years, after a life dedicated to the conservation of Medieval Church Wallpaintings. Beloved wife of Robert and dear mother of Robert and Rosalind. grandmother of Suzama-funeral Service at Hale Parish Church on Friday August 24th at 10,30 am. Flowers may be sent to John Shering. Highbank, Provost Street, Fordingbridge. (0425) 653019.

BECKETT - On August 18th, at home. Jean Brenda, aged 65. Much loved wife of Richard. Funeral Service at Dumfold Church on Thursday August 23rd at 12 moon, followed by burtal. Enquiries to Pittums Funeral Service, tet: (0483) 274079,

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BISHOP - On August 19th 1990, in her 89th year. Deacefully sit home. Mariorte wife of the late William Bishop. F.R.I.C.S. Dearly loved and loving mother of Pannels and the late Peter. loving steomother of Robin and Jane and geam mother frueral Service at 10.50 am at St Andrew's Church. Oxshoit. on Friday August 24th. followed by private burial. Family flowers only please, but donations many be sent to Wireless for the Bedridden. C/o James & Thomas Lid. Mill Road. Cohham. Surrey KT11 3AL.

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BLACKBEN - On August 20th 1990, peacefully at Berkeley, Glos. - Tanetta. aged 82. Beloved wife of the late Leut. Col. Hugh Blackden DSO and adored mother and John Cope and grandmother of Lucinds and Nicola. Funeral Service at Selborne Parish Church. Hampshire. at 12 noon on Thursday August 23rd. A Service of Thanksgiving will be held at St Mary's Church. Berkeley, Glos. on Tuesday September 4th at 12 noon. Flowers may be sent to the Church or donations for the Spafford Children's Centre of Jerusalem may be sent vio Allien White F/D. Kings Stanley. Stonehouse. Gös.

BOWNESS - On Angust 19th, Jane, aged 75 years, Funeral Service at St Peter's Clumbs.
Civile Pypard, Wooten Basest, Friday August 24th at 10.30 am, followed by burial at 11 am.

Tom, a daughter. Latira Jessica. a sister for Benjamin and Oliver.

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Road. W8. (071) 937-0757.

BROUGH - On August 17th
1990. peacefully at home in
Winchester. Kenneth David.
aged 81: years. Beloved
husband of Betty and much
loved father of Rosemary.
Michael and Colin. Funeral
Service in Winchester
Calhedral on Friday August
31st at 2:30 pm. At his
request no Rowers please,
donations if desired to The
Phoenix Appeal, University
College Hospital. Cower
Street, London WCIE SAU.

ON THIS DAY



A LONG correspondence originated in a letter by Sir Josiah Stamp (Aug 15) gently boasting at having solved the crossword in 50 minutes. On the 17th Sir Austen Chamberlain's letter beat that time by nine minutes, adding that the Provost of Eton measured the time required to boil an egg by that needed for solving the puzzle — "and he hates a hard-boiled egg" (the record is 3 mins 45 secs).

THE CROSSWORD PUZZLE

TO THE EDITOR OF THE TIMES Sir,-I ought to have waited. Your correspondents, silent as to the 8th, were lucky in their day. Let them not preen themselves unduly on the 15th, which was the easiest of the August series and a lure to new pot hunters. It so lowered my (our) own time that I was within striking distance of Sir Austen, even without his anagram. Let them declare as freely what happened on the following days.

But the correspondence shows clearly that before you register any record claims you should prescribe some specific conditions of amateur status-e.g. (1) Bare hands onlyno books or atias; (2) no practice in office hours or out of the season; (3) no solitude reasonable hazards of well-meant interruption; (4) imagin-ation to be confined to the crossword (in time-keeping, the nice particularity of Sir Austen's 41 minutes is preferable to the careless rotundity of "10 minutes" or the anxious—or ribald-12 minutes 59 4-5 seconds); (5) the all too prevalent red berring, food, must not be dragged in-ie. egg pacemaking, railway breakfast stimuli, and railway tea sedatives. But I am drifting into your other section on Criminal English.

Yours, &c. J. C. STAMP. St. Jean-de-Luz, Aug. 18.

like myself, have never yet succeeded

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St. Jean-de-Luz, Aug. 18.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE TIMES

Sir.—On behalf of the great race of But I shall keep at it, gratefully. rabbits, those humble strivers who,

1934 in solving an entire Times crossword puzzle, I strongly resent these Austen Chamberlains and what not flaunting their skill in your columns. Rubbing salt on the wounds is what I call it.

To a man who has been beating his head against the wall for 20 minutes over a single anagram it is g. and wormwood to read a statement like that one about the Provost of Eton

and the eggs.
In conclusion, may I commend your public spirit in putting the good old emu back into circulation again, as you did a few days ago? We of the He, now that the Sun-God Ra has apparently retired from active work, are intensely grateful for an occasional emu.

Yours faithfully August 17. P G WODEHOUSE. TO THE EDITOR OF THE TIMES

Sir,—I have read with much interest and some envy the brilliant achievements of the solvers of crossword puzzles. I feet, Sir, that you should also learn of some of the

struggles of the less brilliant.

I have for many months tried to solve your most entertaining puzzles. It was with pride that I, with the assistance of my wife, her sister, and several children, succeeded in solving one puzzle, this after labouring most turday and Sunday. It was a redletter day in our household.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant, August 17. A SIMPLE SOLDIER.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE TIMES Sir,---The crossword letters in your issue of to-day are disheartening to an ordinary solver like myself. I had hoped from Sir Austen's letter that boiling an egg might help. I started at 8.00 and it is now 15.05 (3.5 p.m. Summer Time), and I am still wondering who is the uncle of Israel, and the egg has burst.

Yours, &c R STAPLETON COTTON. British Tunny Clob, Scarbozough, Aug. 17.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE TIMES Sir,—There must be many, like myself, whom Sir Josiah Stamp and your other heroic correspondents are filling with envy. I seldom finish a puzzle at all, and almost never on the same day. There are always from one

Yours, &c. August 18. B V LUCAS.

HAMSELL - On August 18th 1990. peacefully at St 1990. peacefully at St Clements Nursung Home. Norwich, Joan, loving wife of the tale Peter, much loved mother of Anthony. Michael and Richard (deceased). Mother in-law to Sue and Norma, dearest granny to Peter. Emma, Curistopher and Lindsay, Emerai Scrvice at SS Peter and Paul Church. Cromer on Friday August 24th at 2 pm. followed by cremation at St Faiths Crematorium at 3 pm. Family flowers only, donations, if desired, for The Cromer Lifeboat can be sent c/o Gordon Barber Funeral Directors. 517 Ayisham Road, Norwich.

JACOB - On August 19th 1990, peacefully in The Royal South Hamis, Hospital, Lesile Evelyn time Bickford-Smith) aged 61, mother of Nicholas. Requiem Mass on Thursday August 25rd at St Mary's Catholic Church, Alton. at 11 am. No Gowers-foonations if desired to Cancer Retearch. BUCKNALL - On August 19th
1990, succumbed peacefully
after a long battle. Charries of
Barnt Green. mear Burmingham. Founder of Bucknall
Austin. Fineral Service on
Fiday August 24th of St
Laurence Church.
Alvechurch. Worrestershire,
at 1.30 pm. fellowed by
cremation at Reddisch
Crematorium at 2.80 pm. Crematorium at 2.30 pm.

BULLUS - On August 19th.
peacetailly Maurice James
Bullus, aged 80. Beloved
husband of Joan. loved
lather of Tom. Peter and
Vicki and his seven
grandchildren Service at St
Robert's Church. Pannal,
Harrogale, on Priday August
24th at 12 noon. Flowers to
Swainson Harrogate or
donations in memory to
Cancer Research, 38 East
Parade, Harrogate.

CARTER - On July 18th

Parade, Harrogate.

CARTIER - On July 15th.

Lydia (nie Baels), loving and
much loved wife of JeanJacques, mother of Jacques
and vivisme and grandmother of Philippe, Annabel,
Alexis, Francesca. Jono and
Genevieve. The Requiem
Mass and burisl took place at
Roquelort let Pins, France.

CHAMBERS - On August 15th
1990. of Lesbury.
Northumbertand. Monico.
beloved wife of the late
George P. Chambers.
Interred at Lesbury on
Saturday August 18th.

Scylember 28th 1990.

COMSTANTINIDES On August 18th 1990. peacefully in her skeep at Ascot. Dorothy Martina, widow of Phaedon G. Constantinides, belowed mother of Patrick. Donations to The Impenal Cancer Fund c/o Cyril H. Lovegrove. 29c High Street. Sunninghill. Berks... SL5. SNP. Funeral enquiries to Lovegrove Funeral Directors. let: (0790) 22114.

bors. let: (0'990) 22114.

DAVES - On August 19th.
peacefully at home. George
Davies. Solicitor of
Manchester and Wilmslow.
Funeral Service at St
Bartholomew's Church.
Wilmslow. on Friday August
24th at 10 am. followed by a
private cremation. Family
flowers only, donations if
desired to St Anne's Hospice
c/o Athert R. Slack (Funeral
Director) Ltd., 34 South Oak
Lane, Wilmslow, SK9 6AT.
tel: (0625) 525063.

DEMEMBEY - On August 18th.

tel: (0625) 525063.

DEREMEY - On August 18th, suddenly at home after a short lifness. Stuart, formerty of Cockernam and Carstang, husband of Joan, faither and faither-in-law of Ann and Richard (Greenway). Service and cremation at Chichester Crematorium on Friday August 24th at 4,30 pm. Family Bowers only. Donations to Mencap or Cancer Research. Enquiries to Carrell's Funeral Service. 18 Homewell, Haranf, Hampshire PO9 1EG (tel: 0706-486183).

FRANKLIN - On August 16th.

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Michael. suddenly al horne.
Funeral service at St Mary
The Virgun. Marsien
Moretaine. Beds... Wednesday August 22nd at 2 pm.
Family flowers only. donations if desired may be sent to
a charity of your choice.

a charity of your choice.

FRANSEN - On August 18th 1990, suddenly but peace fully at home. Bernard. Beloved husband of Rita. dear faither of David and Janey. dear faither-in-law of Sarah and Michael and grandpa of Sophie. Service at Hoty Trinity Church, Northwood on Friday August 24th at 2 pm. followed by burtal at Northwood Cemetery. Flowers and enquiries to E. Spark Ltd., 104 Pinner Road, Northwood: tel: (09274) 25572.

result of a flying accident. Deeply loved husband of Gaet and devoted father of Jamie. Funeral Service at St Paul's Church: Kinross. on Thursday August 23rd at 2 pm. Burial privale.

GRAY - On August 14th, Deter beloved husband of

Jean, father of Christoph and Jennifer, a grandiather, Funeral Augu

grandaujer, ruises church, 23rd at Alf Saints Church, Feering, Essex at 5 pm.

MEATH - On August 17th. after Uness bravely fought, Maurice David (Dave), beloved husband of Jonne. Funeral, Kings Walden Church, noon August 23rd.

THOMAS - On Friday August
17th, at his home in
Mumbles, Swansea, West
Glamorgan SA3 4RU.
Edward Gwynne, beloved
husband of Joan Funeral
Service at St Peter's Church,
Newton, Swansea, on
Wednesday August 22nd at
2.15 pm. followed by
cremation at Swansea
Crematorium at 3.30 pm. No
flowers by request.
THENBELL - On August 18th
1990, peacefully at home.
Sir Alexander C. Turnbuit
C.B.E., M.D., F.R.C.O.G.
aged 65, Nuffield Professor
of Obsteines and
Gynascelogy, University of
Oxford. Dearty loved
husband of Dr. Elste
Turnbuil and father of Anne
and Michael. Funeral Service
at the University Church of
St. Mary the Virgin, High
Street. Oxford on Friday
August 24th at 2 pm
followed by private, family
cremation. Family flowers
only Donations if desired to
the Sir Alec Turnbuil
Foundation for the study of
Pregnancy.
Nuffield
Department of Obsteincs.
John Radcliffe Hospital.
Oxford. OX3 9DU.
WAYNE - On August 19th, at
The James Poget Hospital.
Gorieston, Professor Sir
Edward Wayne, aged 88
years. Dearty loved husband
of Honora Nancy, father of
David and Carola and grandfather of Helen. Kale, Judith.
Carola. Lucy and Matthew.
Funeral Service Turnsday
August 23rd at 11 am. at St
Faith's Crematorium.
Norwich. Family flowers
only please.
WHEATCROFT - On August 18th.
Suddenly. Stanley
Victor. of Pangbourne.
Berkshire. Husband of
August 28th at 12 noon.
Interment at St John's.
Whitchurch-on-Thames.
Oxfordshire. on Friday
August 28th at 12 noon.
Interment at St John's.
Whitchurch-on-Thames.
Oxfordshire. on Friday
August 7 on August 17th. Concer Research.

In Cancer Research.

REMPIRER - On August 18th 1990, peacefully at home. Victor Jessel, much loved father of Nigel and Susie and loving grandiather. Sadly missed by all who loved him. Funeral private. Donations if desired to The British Heart Foundation. 14 Fitzhardinge Sireel. London Wilh 4DH.

KITTO - On August 17th. Dorothy Mary, peacefully at her home in Eastcombe. Stroud. aged 87 years. Daughter of the late H.D. & Mrs. F. Kitto, of Walmore Hill and Whiteshill. Stroud. Dearly beloved sister of Betty Atkinson of Eastcombe, and aum of Jane and John. Julian and George. Funeral Service at Gloucester Cremelorium on Friday August 24th at 11 am. Family flowers only. donations in Ileu may be sent for Royal United Kingdom Beneficient Association (R.K.B.A.) c/o Philip Ford & Son (Flumeral Directors) Ltd.. Dirieton House, Stroud. Glos.

KURZKE - On August 17th. peacefully after a long litness. Gellian Kurzke. nother of Vincent. Cremation at Golders Green on Thursday August 23rd at 11.50 am. No flowers please, donations if desired to Edenhall. It Lyndhurst Gardens. NW3.

LITTLE - On August 18th 1990. Horace Gordon, aged

Gardens. NW3.

LITTLE - On August 18th 1990. Horace Gordon, aged 82 years, peacefully at Wattington-Cottage Hospital. Father of Sarah and Robert. Funeral on Friday August 24th In St Mary's Church. North Mymms, at 11 am followed by private cremation. No flowers please, donations if desired to Marie Curie Cancer Care c/o C. Nethercott Funeral Directors. 150 Darkes Lane. Potters Bar. Herts., tel: (0707) 52288.

MALLENDER - On August only.

WRIGHT - On August 17th, peacefully at home following a joyful visit to Ruiland. Charles Plachaud. aged 84 years. Priest for 40 years. Dearty beloved husband of Jane, admired and loved by coundless famility and friends. Private funeral service at Chilcombe, near Winchester. on Friday August 24th at 11.30 am but Thanksgiving Service in The Cathedral later. No flowers, but donations for Mozambique and Chilcombe Church c/o John Steel and Son, Chesil House, YOUNG - On August 17th, peacefully in Pembury Hospital, John Quintin, aged 79 years, Much loved husband of the late Dapine, father of Richard and Michael. grandfather of Richard and Samantha. Funeral at Tunbridge Weils Crematorium on August 30th at 4 pm. Enquiries to Hystop & Son. 50 London Road. Southborough. Tumbridge Weils, Kenl. TN4 OPT.

Potters Bar. Herts., tel:
(0707) 52288.

MALLENDER - On August
18th. Deacefully at home in
Norfolk. Joan Margaret.
widow of Ramsey, formerly
of Repton. Derbyshire. and
only daughter of the late H.
Wilfrid Skinner of Duffleld.
Derbyshire. Cremation privale. Thanksgiving Service.
North Creake Church.
Saturday September 29th at
noon. No flowers. Donations
if desired to Cancer Relief.
MALTUS SMITH - On August
15th 1990 peacefully. Ethel
Frances (nee Bradbury) aged
92. widow of Frederick
Maltus Smith of South India
and Mandstone. Funeral
service Worth Crematorium
11.30 am Thrusday 23rd
August. Thanksgiving
service St Johns Hill U.R.C.
2.30pm Saturday 29th
September. No flowers
please. Donations to C.W.M.
or The Abbeyfields Society.

MEDIAND - On August 16th,
John Richard of Wwe

or The Abbeyfields Society.

MEDLAND - On August 16th.
John Richard, of Wye College. Beloved son of Connie and Jimmy, brother of Ceoffrey, in a traffic acrodent in Turkey, Funeral arrangements will be announced by Wye College to whom all enquires should be addressed.

MODINS - On August 18th 1990. John Henry aged 65 years, dearest father of Joanna, Spencer and Gavin. Peacefully, after a valuant flott, with his familie at

Peacefully. after a valuant fight, with his (amity at Teibury. Gloucestershire. Funcial Service 11.00 wednesday August 22nd at the Parish Church of St Mary The Virgin, Teibury, Glos. followed by private interment at St Leonard's Parish Church. Eynsham. Oxford. Flowers to J.G. Primi & Sons. Eynsham or donations to Cancer Research A/C. Dr. P.G.

London SE1 9RT.

ONE.SON - On August 17th.
peacefully after a long tilness
borne with great courage.
Basil Arnyas, aged 77.
betweet husband of Vyvyyn.
much loved father of
Penelope. Jeremy and
Susanna.
grandchildren.
Private
crematoos at Yeovil

grandChildren. Prit ale cremation at Yeovij Crematorium at 2.30 pm on Thursday August 23rd. No flowers but donations. If desired, to Yeatman Hospi-lal, Sherborne or Red Cross. lal, Sheroome or Red Cross.

PALFERMAN - On August
15th. Washington D.C.
Tom, dearest husband of
Connie, beloved father of
Tom, Diane and Ertc, loving
grandfather of seven. Now
returned home. Funeral Service at 12.45 pm on Friday
August 24th St Gules Parish
Church. Chalfont-St-Giles.
Buckinghamshure and alferwards at Amersham
Crematorium. Buckinghamshare. Flowers or donations.
Flowers to H.C. Grimstead
Funeral Directors. Chaplet of
Rest. Churchfleid Road.
Chalfont-StEuckinghamshire. Donations

to R.N.L.I.

PERSITY - On August 19th
1990, peacefully in hospital
after a short illness, Richard
Herbert, beloved husband of
Ruth, of Norion Fitzwarren,
Taunion, Somerset, Funeral round of house like a large land of the la

Foundation.

PROCTOR - On August 20th
1990, peacefully in his steep.
Oscar 'Tom', loved husband
of Julia, father of Ronny and
Stephen. Greatly mused by MIL CROCODELE articles, of Stephen. Greatly missed by friends and (amily, sister Nancy and grandchildren Mandy, Tim. Katte. Jemma. Gins and Danielle. Funeral Service at Breakspear Crematorium, Ruislip, on Thursday August 23rd at 11.45 am (West Chapet). Flowers and enquiries to T.A. Elbersent & Son Ltd. 21 Bridge Street, Pinner. Middlesex, let: (881) 866-0324. seather inopinge. Gladstone bags. trunks etc. Tet: 071-229 9618 (T) ALL TICKETS PRESIDENT. Seigen. Aspects. Les Mis, Charity Stelld. Stones. Prince & Cricket. All major events. 071 925 0085/071 930 0800.

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Guy. aged 68. Funeral
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flowers. donations may be
sent to The Lung Function
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National Heart Hospital.
London SW3.

SAVASE - On August 16th
1990. Deacefully in Ipswich 1990. Deacefully in Inswich
Hospital. Colonel Johnson
(John) Francis Dawson
Sawage D.S.O. (R.E. ret'd), of
Waldringfield. Dear husband
of Joy. much loved Jather
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The polo shirt from the Peak District was neglected for too long. Now, Liz Smith reports, the world cannot get enough of the 'Smedley'

ention the name John Smedley and some people get misty-eyed. There is a tactile pleasure in wearing one of Smedley's fine-gauge sea-island cotton or merino wool sweaters and a feeling of real quality.

The odd thing about the craze for the Derbyshire company's finely knitted polo shirts and rollneck sweaters is that only five years ago demand for such traditional designs had shrunk to the point that there were murmurings in the Matlock boardroom of discontinuing the classics in favour of jazzier jerseys with golfers or fishermen emblazoned on the front. The company not only rode the tide, but soon discovered that fashion's next wave swept them back into vogue, giving them virtual monopoly of production of the top quality polo shirts for which the world was clamouring.

The three-button sea-island cotton polo shirts that Paul Smith's trendsetting customers slip under their unstructured suits are made by Smedley. Fine wool turtlenecks sporting the Hermes label are dispatched from one of Smedley's three Peak District factories to Paris, and the sleek merino wool mock-turtleneck sweater displayed under one of Ralph Lauren's tweed hacking jackets in his Madison shop is also made by Smedley. When Rei Kawakubo of Comme des Garcons turned up from Tokyo to go through the company's archives in Lee Mills, outside Matlock, she picked out vintage designs of John Smedley vests and combinations to be remade for her own collection.

While it discreetly satisfies the demands of top designers, sales of the company's own-label knitwear are booming. A new generation has discovered a cracking good polo shirt that sells in all the best fashion shops, such as Woodhouse for men or Whistles for women. So just as they called that alligatordecorated short-sleeved pique polo shirt their Lacoste and wore it with their Nikes and Levis, they now wear their Smedleys. The ultimate accolade, however, is that from October The Conran Shop, second only to the Design Museum as Sir Terence Conran's temple to contemporary design, is to be a showcase for a line of basic Smedley sweaters in black, white and ecru sea-island cotton.

"Smedley", the generic word, is now accepted to mean the company's three-button polo style which. at £35 in sea-island cotton or just under £50 in wool, is not cheap. A tour of the Smedley factory explains why.

In the warren of buildings that has grown up around the original 1784 stone mill, every process in the creation of the Smedley is carried out to scrupulous standards. There are state-of-the-art machines that have perfected the skills of dyeing, scouring, drawing, combing, spinning, milling and twisting the finest raw materials



Simply the best: Smedley polo and roll-neck styles look good on men and women and have the timeless quality of authentic classics

into bobbins of fine top-dyed (dyed in the wool stage) worsted yarn. There are other machines that knit, with "tickler" needles operating the all-important fully fashioned (rather than cut-andsew) shaping at the shoulders. Every sweater is steam-pressed on flat hardwood body shapes, pressed again, and then hand-pressed a third time with an old-fashioned heavy iron. Teams of seamstresses finish each sweater by hand. Cotton sweaters are piece-dyed in finished knitted sections for even colour. Long sleeves, which tend to get knotted up in the machines, are dyed separately.

To appreciate the challenge of producing as fine a sweater as a "Smedley", the pink polo style worn here (£56 in botany wool) under a cashmere and wool tweed jacket (£336 from Margaret Howell in Beauchamp Place, SW3), or

the olive botany wool roll-neck (£52.50), you must understand gauge numbers. They indicate the number of "needles" used in knitting each square inch. A chunky Shetland jersey, for example, is worked on a nine gauge machine, a lambswool jersey usually on 15, sometimes on 21. Smedley claims it is the only company to attempt anything finer. Its polo shirts start at a sleek 24 gauge quality, and some vests or sea-island sweaters at an even finer 30 gauge

Graeme Robinson, Smedley's marketing manager, explains the pitfalls in producing sweaters of this quality at the rate of 12,000 a week. The company makes 10 per cent more than is ordered to allow for the quirks and flaws that are inevitable, even with a highly skilled workforce. "Most knitting companies give up. We just stuck

at it for 200 years," he says. The Smedley story started in 1784 when John Smedley, in partnership with Peter Nightingale (great-uncle of Florence Nightingale) and inspired by Sir Richard Arkwright's pioneering waterpowered factory at Cromford, built a spinning mill at Lea Bridge, a few miles up the valley. By the end of the 18th century, and by

remains a family business. Today's chairman, Andrew Marsden Smedley, is the sixth generation, and successive generations of Derbyshire families continue to work for the company, which employs around 600 people

Craig Alexander, Smedley's design head, has the knack of developing classic styles and reworking the colour range, without losing the traditional feel. For example, a

new style of polo shirt has a double row of buttons, a scoop-necked sweater has been extended into a snazzy short dress. Smedley underwear, its stock in trade until the Thirties, when the first Smedley sweaters were created, is the new craze with the young.

The spectacular upturn in Smedley's fortunes dates from the appointment of Tony Langford as then on his own, he extended the managing director in 1984. In the business to knitting hosiery. It subsequent five years turnover has doubled, to £12 million. "Even if fine-gauge knitwear goes out of fashion one day, it will not be for long," he says philosophically.
"We will stick with it, and the customer always comes back."

> John Smedley stockists include S. Fisher Smearey suckess include S. Fisher, Burlington Arcade, W1; Harrods, SW1; Flannels, Manchester; Shepherds, Cambridge, Marcus Price, Newcastle and, from October, The Conran Shop, London SW3.

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As the forces adopt desert camouflage, a look at the art of military deception, from trees that 'walk' to the thermal shield

here is romance in camouflage. The idea of overcoming your enemy. by stealth, not simply by force of numbers and equipment, is attractive. And so, in the past couple of weeks, newspapers and television in the West have been allowed to photograph jets painted pink, troops wearing sand-col-oured camouflage combat dress, and vehicles being transformed by patterns of mottled beige and brown desert camouilage, in place of the traditional northwest European green and black ("Arctic" and "Jungle" are the two other camouflage options in the British Army's repertoire).

On Friday, The Times had a photograph captioned: "Mike Corvill, a signalman from Liverpool, adding final touches of desert camouflage to one of the satellite dishes taken to the Gulf ... There was no accompanying story. There was no need for one.

what camouffage is for — and, from the point of view of the military, there could be no better indication of resolve than its ability itself change from a European-coloured force to an Arabian-coloured one in 48 hours. Accordingly, each of the services has its camouflage ex-

The idea of camouflage has been around for

a long time: it appears in war mythology from Homer's wooden horse of Troy to Shakespeare's Birnam Wood. But most military historians date the emergence of camouflage as a separate design discipline to the first world

Until the end of the 18th century, warfare was conducted mainly on the display principle, with armies competing to make themselves look glamorous and frightening through brighter uniforms and taller hats. In 1801, the 60th Rifles - now the Royal Green Jackets - became the first British unit to discard the traditional red tunic, and by the end of the Boer War, khaki had become the accepted colour for all British troop uniforms.

The French are usually credited with the "invention" of camouflage, even though French troops were still going into battle in the in bright blue uniforms. Nature was an obvious reference point for early camofleurs. In French, camouflaged combat clothing became known as tenue leopard (leopard dress); and one of the first forms of camouflage was the "observation tree" - an artifical tree with a ladder inside leading to an observation perch.

What attracted some artists to camouflage was not so much the inspiration of nature as the opportunity for modernist experiment on a grand scale. The first camouflage section in the British Army included a portrait painter, a theatre designer, a topographic eicher and a sculptor, later it was said of the camouflage work of Edward Wadsworth, a well-known vorticist, that it was "the last and most spectualar manifestation of the vorticist experiment"; and it was Norman Wilkinson, an outstanding marine artist, who was responsible for the most bizarre and avant garde camouflage idea of the war, that of

To camouflage a large ship at sea is impossible — and until someone succeeds in building a wave shaped ship, it is likely to remain so. Wilkinson's solution was to paint bright, geometric patterns of black, white and blue on the sides of ships, which would deceive the eye, making it difficult

tion of vessels they

Later, an Admiralty study concluded that evidence that a U-boat commander had ever been deceived — but 'dazzle" painting was not immediately abandoned, because it was judged to have a good effect on morale. The most-quoted

ists' interest in and influence on the development of camouflage is perhaps Gertrude Stein's anecdote: "I well remember at the beginning of the war being with Picasso on the boulevard Raspail when the first camoullaged truck essed. It was at night, we had heard of camouflage but we had not yet seen it and Picasso, amazed, looked at it and then cried out: 'Yes, it is we who made it, that is cubism." romance was confirmed.

The contemporary reality is infortenately much more technical and much less romantic. Camouflage has become a branch of the larger field of military deception. As Colonel Michael Dewar pointed out last year in his book The Art of Deception in Warfare (David & Charles, £12.95), new technology provides the means of seeing through most covers. Radar, radio raphy, satellites: against these kinds of electronic surveillance. electronic camouflage is the only real defence. Infra-red absorbant materials, thermal shields, "Stealth" shapes: these are the camoullage of the future.

Sadly, visual camouflage seems likely to become increasingly symbolic, providing morale-boosting pictures for the press.

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On a showpiece development which became a byword for mugging, the walkways — and crime figures — come down

Creating close harmony down on Mozart Estate

IN THE grey area of northwest London where the City of West-minster stops and the borough of Brent begins, there is a sad estate which looks as though its life is finished, at the tender age of 15. The overhead walkways are down, the mechanical diggers are in and the air is thick with dust. The men in smart suits and hard hats are the only indication of some future life on the embattled ground. This is the discordant Mozart Estate in north Paddington, and it is the graveyard of a design for living.

When it was completed, in what now seems a far-distant era of estate planning, it was vaunted by the council as a fine example of the new wisdom: it was a low-rise development, full of communal space and sudden flashes of green amid the tasteful red brick. There were nooks and courtyards and irregularities that aped far older urban communities and were a deliberate reaction against the soulless towers of the Fifties and

But as the construction finished. so the trouble started. The very features which had been designed to humanise the estate made it easier for muggers and burglars to escape detection. By the middle of the Eighties, Mozart was becom-

ing a designer dustbin. Now, at a cost of £3 million, the council has set in train the first stages of an operation which will turn the estate's character around. According to the local police, the removal of the overhead walkways, phase one of the programme, has resulted in a 50 per cent reduction in crime on the

Mozart is the first estate in the country to be so radically altered in line with the new theories on the link between design and crime. These theories are largely the product of research by a team led

by Professor Alice Colman who, as director of the Land Research Unit at King's College, London, wrote, five years ago, the influen-tial book Utopia on Trial. She in turn acknowledges a substantial debt to Oscar Newman and his Defensible Space, published 13 years earlier. It was Newman who first applied intensive scientific research to the correlation between crime and residential environments, and who evolved a method of quantifying the specific design defects which were a cause of degeneration.

Since the controversy aroused by her own book, Professor Colman has established the Design Improvement Controlled Experi-

'It aspired to beautify the urban environment, but has been transmogrified into the epitome of ugliness'

ment (Dice) with £50 million from the environment department and the enthusiastic backing of the prime minister. The aim is to identify other estates which would benefit from the same treatment and turn them around in the same way. Lessons learnt in north Paddington will have a bearing not only on the work of the consultancy, but also on the nature of estates as yet unplanned.

There is much yet to be done at Mozart: building new access roads, dividing corridors, eliminating communal space with no clear function, building new "lodge" flats with bay-windows giving a clear view up and down

the front of the estate. The irony is that a stone's throw away stand the low, well-kept terraces of the Queen's Park Estate, with more than twice the number of Mozart's 700 dwellings, and a far higher proportion of residents who have exercised their right to buy from the council. Part of this late Victorian estate was demolished to make way for the Mozart homes and if Westminster had not been dissuaded from its original plan, then the remainder of the old buildings would also have been earmarked for redevelopment.

The signs are now that the Victorians, even though they might not have claimed prescience of social problems a century hence, did get it right: many architects now believe that a return to a grid format with long, tree-lined terraces, holds the key 10 the future. At Mozart, "nothing seemed to

work", says Brian Foyle, an architect with Max Lock Easton Periston and King, the firm engaged to translate Professor Colman's prescriptions into reality. "The situation just got worse, and none of the usual solutions, such as management schemes, seemed to do the trick."

He and the building contractors have a daunting job: while they are busy minimising escape routes for petty criminals, they immediately risk falling foul of the fire regulations. "It is all a matter of balance," Mr Foyle says. Professor Colman and her team

evolved a formula for calculating the degree of "disadvantagement" on an estate. Contributory factors include the amount of "defended" or "confused" space, references to the way in which the function of private and communal land is delineated. She has compiled a list of 16 variables, such as block size, interconnected exits and the num-



Safety steps: areas such as this on the estate are being humanised

ber of dwellings per entrance.
"Harold Macmillan's government, and the Housing Act of 1951 were at the heart of the trouble," she says, "At that time the idea was simply to put up as many units as possible, to get rid of the housing backlog. Yet every-one knew that the way in which it was being done was a false solution. The housing department admitted not only that it was costly, but also that it was not resulting in a higher density of. development. That was a myth. But they went ahead just the

When, in her book, she asks why Britain's postwar housing vision

pervading failure", her conclusions have a painful local relevance. She is writing of Utopia, but she could as well be addressing the Mozart Estate. "It aimed to liberate the people from the slums but has come to represent an even worse form of bondage. It aspired to beautify the urban environment, but has been mansmogrified into the epitome of

There may be another irony on the fact that a "guilty" council such as Westminster is among the first to invest in Professor Colman's remedies, but it is a welcome one.

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Youth hogs the old spotlight

Geoff Brown looks at the offerings of new directors, focusing in particular on the début of Whit Stillman and his Metropolitan

he Edinburgh Film Festival is 44 years old this year, far older than most of its audiences and many of the directors whose works fill the programmes. Feature films by new directors are competing once again for the Charles Chaplin award, consisting of £3,000 and a bizarre sculptural trophy designed by Eduardo Paolozzi – perfect as a conversation piece, though probably a devil to dust.

Film school students worldwide have their output on display in a competition sponsored by Channel 4. John Landis, a leading light among Hollywood directors with a bulging young audience almost at their beck and call, has been in town for a retrospective tribute, the world's first (and, some cynics say, possibly the last). With such ingredients, the festival - organised, as last year, by The Times film critic David Robinson - could never be criticised for tottering into staid middle age.

Not that all these bright young films fall slave to current fashions. What could be more out of step than a film whose cast lounge in Park Avenue apartments, costurned in the full regalia of evening dress or débutante gown, preening themselves on their social status, and discussing affairs of the heart, or Jane Austen, or even the opinions of the literary critic Lionel Trilling?

This is the world of Metropolitan, an awesomely assured film from Whit Stillman, making his cinema bow after assorted experience in publishing and journalism.

Stillman shares the same privileged background as his elegant, talkative young characters, though he is able to view them with ironic detachment: the effect is almost as though a New York story by Henry James or Edith Wharton was being slyly filmed by Woody Allen. The action unfolds over Christmas, in a fairy-tale Manhattan aglow with seasonal decorations. Our guide through the labyrinth of strict social rituals is a ginger-headed Princeton student, at the beginning an outsider with severe socio-political qualms and a rented tuxedo, though he



Wicked comedy of manners: strip-poker becomes an ingredient of the social ritual on Park Avenue in Whit Stillman's Metropolitan soon buys his own and lounges

along with the best. The director steers a cast of refreshing newcomers through his sinuous dialogue with magical ease, creating a wickedly subtle comedy of manners. More of this delight in November, when the film gets its commercial release in

Other American films in the New Directors slot are doing little for Uncle Sam: Mark Townsend Harris's Nocturne, a drippy New York story of a disillusioned gay, was a tedious dinosaur, marooned from the Sixties, while John Saffron's In a Pig's Eye squan-dered the potential of its antismoking stance with some hideously broad buffoonery. Those seeking contemplative, poetic cinema found refuge, ironically, in the Middle East. Sa'ied Ebrahimifar's The Flame of Pomegranate in the Cane, from Iran, proved as mysterious as its title, conjuring up scenes from the past life of an old man found dying in the street from a heart attack. The man was a humble calligrapher by trade; and Ebrahimifar's own images, deployed more as symbols than narrative building blocks, shared

calligraphy.

And what of Britain? We fielded the festival's opening film, a brooding, violent adaptation of William McIlvanney's novel The

the exquisite delicacy of the best

Big Man, with the excellent Liam Neeson as the Scottish artisan sucked into bere-knuckle boxing and Glasgow's criminal underworld. Director David Leland, bouncing back after his unformnate Hollywood film Checking Out, proves he is not just a man for quirky comedies, and lards scenes effectively with gritty at-mosphere. The film opens in London next week.

A clutch of recent British productions are competing for another prize, named in honour of the late and glorious Michael Powell: the design of this award, we are promised, uses the famous arrow and bull's eye logo that rang up the curtain on Powell and Pressburger productions.

Gillies MacKinnon, who showed spunk and promise last year with his adaptation of Conquest of the North Pole, is represented by a BBC film, Needle, a strident, thickly accented essay in ruthless realism, ponder-ing on a drug epidemic in some forsaken city of the near future.

Ken McMullen, ever ambitious and radical, offers 1871, a stilted but intriguing musical history lesson about the Paris Commune, using old revolutionary songs, mostly shot in a grand Lisbon theatre. Nothing here suggests McMullen should now join hands with Andrew Lloyd Webber, though the film at least removes



Brooding: Liam Neeson in David Leland's The Big Man the classroom ambience from

British cinema's agit-prop wing. None of the British entries can approach the visual bravura of Derek Jarman's The Garden, which received its world première last night. This is Jarman in The Last of England mood, flinging at the astounded viewer a dense potpourri of private obsessions and images. The Passion story provides the peg, with the Holy Land replaced by the bleakness, pylons and pebbles of Dungeness, where the director lives: the title refers both to Gethsemene and the garden Jarman has created in the coastal wilderness. Sometimes a Christ figure stalks in white robes; at other moments he is replaced by

two young men, tarred, feathered

and scourged for their homosexuality.

Jarman's theme is the historical link between religion and the repression of gay sex; not every variation in this complex work succeeds or can even be penetrated by outsiders, but there is never any doubt that Jarman remains ferociously talented.

My Private War offered another feast of personal film-making. Two West German documentary makers, Harriet Eder and Thomas Kufus, somehow rounded up six amateur cameramen who served in the Wehrmacht and filmed the advance on Russia in 1941. We see their surviving footage; we hear their comments as they look back with an eerie mixture of guilt, nostalgia and serene complacency. One of them claims that his only regret is that he never filmed along the Western Front: "Seeing is seeing," the soldier-tourist pronounces, even when the sights include a line of Jews strung up, or human and animal corpses mired in a pit.

The film shows the banalities of war along with the atrocities: the daily Wehrmacht round of eating, head-shaving, and horseplay; the quick refreshing dip in the Black Sea. In packaging this unique material, Eder and Kufus avoid gloating with hindsight: the old soldiers' footage tells its own sorry, fascinating story.

BRIEFING

Dance coup at Alhambra

THE Alhambra Theatre in Bradford has scored something of a coup in bringing the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater to Britain for the first time in 17 years. Bradford is scheduled to be the only British venue for the black dance troupe on its autumn tour of the Soviet Union and France. The Alhambra, considcred one of the finest touring theatres in the country, has wasted no time in announcing this coup as the beginning of a much higher profile for the refurbished Edwardian venue. "In dance terms, we have set ourselves the objective of introducing major international companies into the programme," says Anamaria Wills, the Alhambra's general manager.

While London has spent the past five years arguing over a dance house, Bradford has pushed ahead with plans to turn the Alhambra into the North of England venue for dance. The theatre, built in 1914, re-opened in 1986 after an £8.5 million refurbishment that paid particular attention to the special require-ments for dance. Shortly after it re-opened, the Alhambra played host to Rudolf Nureyev, celebrating the 25th anniversary of his defection to the West, and later, London Festival Ballet (now English National Ballet) premièred Natalia Makarova's production of Swan Lake there.

The Alvin Ailey company, which performs at the Alhambra from October 2 to 6, will present a mixed bill of works that includes Revelations and Night Creature, two of the most popular dances choreographed by Ailey, who died last December.

Bogart by dark

KENWOOD lakeside, the elegant Hampstead Heath landscape that provides the backcloth for outdoor symphonic concerts during the summer, is venturing into cinematic territory next week. Casablanca will be shown on a giant screen at 8.30pm on September I, in a venture mounted jointly by the National Film Theatre and the sponsors, Cointreau. With 10,000 watts of sound equipment in action, there should be no problem about hearing Sam play it again; slightly more problematical may be the organisers' "light-hearted attempt" to turn Kenwood itself into 1940s Casablanca. The audience, expected to number 8,000, is promised a reconstruction of Rick's Bar, Bogart and Bergman lookalikes re-enacting scenes from the movie, and the "sounds and smells of the authentic Moroccan market".

Courting points

ART Buchwald, the New York columnist, continues his litigious assault on the American film

industry. Earlier this year he won a case against Paramount, in which he argued that the Eddie Murphy hit, Coming to America, was based on his own story, King For A Day. That victory under his belt, Buchwald stepped back into the fray, demanding satisfaction on the issue of money owed to him by virtue of his net profit participation points. Sometimes referred to as "monkey points", these guarantee a share of the profits after a film has broken even. But despite having taken in the region of \$120 million (£64 million) at the box office, Paramount maintains that Coming to America failed to break even, partly because of the heavy advance payment to Murphy. Buchwald was not so easily fobbed off, however, and neither, it appears, is the judge in the case. who did not accept Paramount's version of the accounts, and demanded "nuts and boits" facts before appointing his own auditor.

Home at last

SOME of Romania's most famous artistic exiles are returning to work in Bucharest, now that Ceausescu's "committee of socialist education and culture" has been abolished. The committee had effectively proscribed much professional performance by defining socialist culture as only that which included mass participa-tion. Now the theatre director Andrei Serban, last seen in Britain in February marshalling the massive forces of the Royal Opera's Prince Igor, is poised to become the new director of the National Theatre in Bucharest, having chosen that post in preference to the directorship of the Romanian State Opera, which was also offered to him. Serban, 46, has been living outside Romania for 2! years and is now an American

An even longer exile was broken when the conductor Sergiu Celibidache returned to Bucharest this year. Celibidache, once a serious rival to Karajan for the principal conductorship of the Berlin Philharmonic, has won something of a cult status in the West for his eccentric interpretations and vast demands for rehearsal time, but he has not worked in Romania since the post-war Communist takeover.



Going home: Andrei Serban

CLASSICAL MUSIC: PROMS

Goehr plunders Paradise to inspire his new creation

othing less than the process of creation iteals cess of creation itself was celebrated at the Proms at the end of last week. Alexander Goehr went straight to the point. He plundered *Paradise Lost* for words to inspire his own creation. a scena for orchestra, mezzo soprano and tenor, which isolates Eve's dream of her strange and

sensuous falling flight with Satan. Eve Dreams in Paradise was first heard about 18 months ago in-Birmingham, where Simon Rattle and the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra had luxuriated in the physicality of Goehr's vocal arioso, the unstable, febrile orchestral figures, the glinting lights of glockenspiel, harp and alto flute. Matthias Bamert, with the BBC Symphony Orchestra, gave a performance which could not match the electricity of the work's première (and this may say something about the work itself), but was still more finely disciplined and more potently paced. Ameral Gunson and Neil Mackie vividly drew attention to the skill of Goehr's daunting attempts to tame the weight and measure of

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Milton. Goehr's London première was followed on Thursday evening by a work from his father's teacher, Arnold Schoenberg, itself a comment on creation and re-creation. The process of orchestrating Brahms' Piano Quartet No 1 tied Schoenberg over a period when his own pen threatened temporarily to run dry, and the sense of regeneration and sheer enjoyment in the reworking rang out from its brilliant string harmonics and its trombone glissandos.

Remaking of a more complex and taxing nature was to follow on Friday. What was billed was Janaček's Violin Concerto: what we heard was, unmistakably and chillingly, the plangent cries of the human spirit from the composer's last great Dostoevsky opera, From the House of the Dead.

Janáček had been engaged on sketches for a violin concerto when he became pre-occupied with the opera. The ideas which he integrated so powerfully into the overture (and into the scene with the arrival of Petrovič) were pieced together by two Czech scholars, Milos Stědroň and Leos Fultus, first played in a short, single-movement form in Brno, Czechoslovakia, in 1988 and nowsented to London by Tasmin Little, the Orchestra of Welsh National Opera and Sir Charles Mackerras.

To anyone familiar with the opera, the resonances set up by this brief interlude of stratospheric and vibrant instrumental combinations were piercing and provocative. To the innocent ear, the work cannot have failed to engage at its own level. Pitch and pulse, in their most extreme manifestations and juxtapositions, Janacek's timpani heartbeats and fragile moments of song fuse together in this "Pilgrimage of a Soul", a subtitle which will doubtless provoke still more musicological detective work.

The same Prom had begun with Sir Charles conducting a performance of Mozart's "Prague" Symphony, so full of delighted perceptions of phrasing and instrumental colour that it could not be passed over as a mere curtainraiser. A cunning overture to a programme which also included Radoslav Kvapil's valiant performance of Martinu's curious conglomerate, the "Incantation" Fourth Piano Concerto, it also nicely underlined Sir Charles' own lifetime of work with both Czech composers and with Mozart

At last came The Creation itself. Sunday night's performance of Haydn's oratorio was not the great crescendo of achievement it could have been, simply because its most potent exponents, the BBC Symphony Chorus, seemed on the whole more concerned with musical literalism than with the spirit of wonder and exuberance which fires the work.

The playing of the BBC Symphony Orchestra under Lothar Zagrosek, and the singing of Margaret Marshall were the glories of the evening. Where they made chamber music together, as in Gabriel and Uriel's quartet with clarinet and bassoon, or in Gabriel's own solo with David Butt's magic flute, the performance rose to a new level. Where Kurt Streit's Uriel, elegant and musicianly, was something less than a ray of divine light, and where Andreas Schmidt's Raphael/ Adam told his tale soberly with not a trace of divine awe, much less divine humour, Marshall's soprano spread its wings with the creatures of the air, and delighted in putting the excitement of risk above safety of the middle way.

HILARY FINCH



Engaging on the innocent ear: Tasmin Little, who made her Proms début in Janáček's Violin Concerto

CONCERTS

ACT OF CONTRITION: Following James MacMillan's pre-concert talk (6.15pm), his *Confession of Isobel Gowdie* is a commission premiered by the BBC Scottish Symphony under its chief conductor Jerzy Maksymuk. The composer calls it an act of contrition for a woman executed as a witch in 1662, sounding "the soul of Scotland" in orchestral music wrought from tolk-song and Gaelic psalms into his own distinctive idiom. Beethoven's Fourth Symphony and the Korean-born Dong-Suk Kang playing the Sibelius Violin Concerto complete the programme. Albert Hall, Kensington Gore, London SW7 (071-823 9998), tomorrow, 7.30pm, £3.50 £12.

NATIONAL YOUTH MUSICIANS: Sin Colin Davis conducts the select talent of the National Youth Chamber Orchestra first in a British Telecom Meltings Prom. Sir Michael Tippett's Meanings From on "Sellinger's Round", adapted from one Elizabethan reign to another, and Mendelssohn's "Italian" Symphony (No 4 in A), enclose Mozart's depote acceptation C minor Pages deeply penetrating C minor Piano Concerto (K 491), with Imogen Cooper a dedicated soloist. Snape Maltings, Suffolk (0800 585789), tomorrow, 7.30pm, £2.50-£12.50. Same

programme also at London Proms, Thurs, 7.30pm, 23.50-£12. LLOYD AT WORCESTER: George Lloyd, the Cornish composer to whom celebrity came late as a doyen of romantics, conducts the British première of his Symphony No 12 with the BBC Philharmonic. The Festival Chorus, under Donald Hunt, follow it with Songs of Farewell, settings by Delius of Walt Whitman verse, and Elgar's Coronation Ode with Lillian Watson, Sally Burgess, Maldwyn Davies, Peter Sawdge the soloists. Worcester Cathedral, Worcester (0905

21911/25511), Fri, 8pm, £2-£15. SALZBURG MOZARTIAN: Thomas Zehetmair, the Salzburg-born violinist who made his début there at the age of Philharmonia at the first of two British Telecom Maitings Proms. He plays two Mozart Concertos, K 216 in G and K 211 in D. and afterwards directs Symphony No 29 in A (K 201). Snape Maltings (as above), Sat, 7.30pm, £2.50-£12.50. Also Sun, in

more Mozart plus Hartmann's Concerto

ROTTERDAM TO EDINBURGH: First of two Edinburgh Festival concerts by the Rotterdam Philharmonic under its nerican chief conductor, James Conlon. For the Martinu centenary year he picks the Czech composer's unusual Concerto for Double String Orchestra, Piano and Timpani with Peter Donohoe and Randy Max the soloists and follows it with the righty descriptive and celebratory A Hero's Life (Richard Strauss). Usher Hall, Loman Road, Edinburgh,

(031-225 5756), Sai, 8pm, £6-£16. Also Dvorák's Requem, with the Edinburgh Festival Chorus and soloists, Sun, 8pm. THREE CHOIRS FINALE: To end this year's festival at Worcester, and recall the link with Elgar's birthplace at nearby Broadheath, The Dream of Gerontius is conducted by Donald Hunt, Alan Opie sings Gérontius. Alfreda Hodgson the Angel and William

Cochran the Priest and Angel of the Agony, in this vivid musical vision of the Christian Everyman's death and his soul's last judgment narrated in Cardinal Newman's verses. Worcester Cathedral (as left), Sat, 8pm, £2-£15.

ROZHDESTVENSKY RETURNS: Gennady Rozhdestvensky returns for the first of two Proms with the BBC Symphony, of which he was formerly chief conductor. Yo-Yo Ma is the outstanding cello soloist in Dvořák's Concerto, after which the grandly maiestic Te Deum by Berlioz combines the forces of three choruses with Laurence Dale the solo tenor. Albert Hall (as left), Sun. 7.30pm, £3.50-£12. Also Bank Holiday Mon, in Schubert, Offenbach and Johann Strauss, 7 30pm.

ZUKERMAN IN LONDON: After their Edinburgh Festival appearance, Pinchas Zukerman accompanies the English Chamber Orchestra to London for a programme featuring him as inist/conductor in Mozart's A major Concerto (K 219). He directs Stravinsky's exhiterating Danses Concertantes to begin the concert, and ids with Mozart's Symphony No 39 in E flat (K 543). Barbican Hall, Silk Street, London EC2 (071-638 8891), Mon, 7.45pm, £5-£16. NOEL GOODWIN

RECITALS

12TH-CENTURY SETTING: Boris Beresovsky, the 20-year-old Russian planist and winner of the 1990 Tcharkovsky Prano Competition, gives a recital of Beethoven, Schumann and Balakirev as part of the Vale of Glamorgan Festival Not only was Beresovsky one of the most memorable musicians at the last Leeds Piano Competition, but the concert hall in which he now plays has the distinction of being transplanted by William Randolph Hearst from its home in Willshire to the millionaire's European home in the 12th-century castle of St Donat's which now hosts the lestwal. The Bradenstoke Hall, St Donat's Castle, Liantwit Major, South Glamorgan (0446 794848), Wed, 7.30pm, £5, £9.

DAYS AT DARTINGTON: The Kontra String Quartet, renowned for its performance of 20th-century music, join force with their competriot, Per Nargard. The Danish composer in residence, for a recital of the Quarteto Breve, his F major Quartet and his "Tintinabullary" Quartel at the Dartington International Summer School

Great Hall. Darringon, near Totnes, Devon (0803 863073), tonight, 8 15pm,

HONG KONG EXPERIMENTS: The Purcell Room is the venue for an "Inter-Artes Week" locusing on Hong Kong. Music, drama and movement will respond to and interpret the character of the place, and this evening starts with music by three former members of the Guidhali Ensemble, namely, musician Nicola Ellis, artist Ruth Cutter and dancer Struan Leslie. Tomorrow's programme features singers Michael Rippon and Mary Wiegold in an electroacoustic music drama, and Thursday and Friday repeal the two programmes

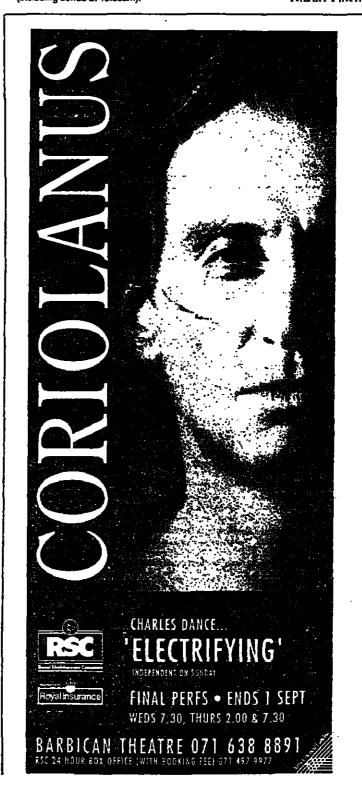
CRITICS' CHOICE: CONCERTS AND RECITALS Purcell Room, South Bank, London S£1 (071-928 8800), tonight, Wed, Thurs, Fri, 8pm. Programme continues

> FESTIVAL ARUNDEL: Pier Adams. recorder, and Howard Beach, harpsichord, offer a coffee concert of music by Bach, Vivaldi, Krämer and Debussy as part of this year's Arundel

Sat and Sun, 3.15pm and 8pm, £7 each

rish Church, Arundel, Sussex (0903 883474), Mon, 11.15am, £3.50 (including coffee at 10.30am).

CZECH CELLO: Steven Isseris, one of Britain's most distinctive and dramatic young cellists, has his own Edinburgh il recital at one of the morning's high-fibre chamber concerts. Accompanied by Peter Evans, he stays with the testival's Czech theme in Janáček s Pohadka and Martinů s Sonata No 2, and adds Bach's Thed Solo Cello Suite and Schubert's irresistible "Arpeggione" Sonata. Queen's Hall, South Clerk Street Edinburgh (031-225 5756), Wed, 11am, HILARY FINCH



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Festival '90 Brecon

EDINBURGH, beware: Brecon is fast developing into a rival as the most congenial place to see a jazz festival. With an admirably broad range of styles gathered in one place, the organisers make the most of the compact setting, encouraging visitors to ramble from one bandstand to another.

On Saturday, the first full day of the event, the music tended to match the mood of the crowd: relaxed and playful. More chailenging performances were reserved for the following day, when Sun Ra's Arkestra and saxophonist David Murray were scheduled to disturb the peace of the countryside.

There was, as usual, nothing unduly discordant in the afternoon set by American saxophonist Scott Hamilton, leading a quintet featuring the clarinet player Kenny Davern. The Guildhall was an inappropriate venue for Hamilton's burnished swing; the band admirably underpinned by guitarist Howard Alden - might have played with more vigour in an open-air venue. With "Round midnight" on offer once again, Hamilton seemed content to coast along. Yet even at half steam he is more engaging than most of his contemporaries.

The same languid atmosphere prevailed at the concert by Triple Treat, an all-star vehicle for pianist Monty Alexander, bassist Ray Brown and guitarist Herb Ellis. Their programme consisted of precise concert-hall jazz, all moving parts working smoothly on "But not for me" and "Li'l Darlin". Ellis and Brown will be back later this autumn with the doyen of the trio format, Oscar Peterson. Alexander, a pocket version of the great man, is an acceptable substitute, though, like most mortals, he cannot match the dramatic flourishes of Peterson in

Compared with the measured

OPERA

Falstaff

Glyndebourne

POOR Sir John! What vestiges of

sympathy that may have re-

mained for Falstaff in Peter Hall's

knockabout Verdi production for

Glyndebourne have now been

thrown out of the window with the

laundry basket. Andrew Shore,

who has taken over the title role

from Claudio Desderi for the last

three performances in the present



"The Dirty Dozen Brass Band hit the market hall stage like an untamed force of nature."

and undeniably elegant approach of Triple Treat, the Dirty Dozen Brass Band hit the market hall stage like an untamed force of nature. This was proof, if proof were needed, that last summer's extraordinary set at the Festival Hall was no fluke. No contemporary jazz group can match the DDBB in whipping up audience excitement. New Orleans purists might find it all too brash and too reliant on riffs borrowed from rhythm and blues. Those reservations count for little in the face of the band's remarkable energy: this is an eight-piece which can sound like a fully-fledged big band.

Within half an hour the musicians had the younger members

run (including tonight's final one).

fails to restore any of the ambiva-

lence, any of the shadows of

vulnerability or melancholy to a

character who, since the produc-

tion opened in 1988, has become

Charles Mackerras, Verdi's own

musical clues are still vibrantly

alive. All the world may be a joke

but not quite all of the opera

should be. And as his English

National Opera Falstaff, and even

his Glyndebourne Dr Bartolo

have shown. Andrew Shore can

sing as well as act the fool. But

Thanks to the conducting of Sir

increasingly one-dimensional.

of the audience up and moving to 'Caravan", and the comic slow blues "Don't you feel my leg". The older generation looked on, some of them recalling, perhaps, a time when dancing was a natural part of concerts. By steering jazz back to its roots, the Dirty Dozen Brass Band is performing an invaluable

Unfair, perhaps, to sample the Welsh Jazz Orchestra after experiencing the DDBB. Even with Pete King taking the lion's share of the solos, the orchestra seemed unusually tentative in the ensemble passages. Most of the charts, 100, lacked bite. King, fortunately, is capable of overcoming the most adverse circum-

ent handling of Verdi's light

nudge Shore into the poignancy of

an albeit momentary reflection on

tired at the end of a busy summer

or whether his unremitting gruff-

outside on the streets, where the police were rounding up an assortment of young louts who had been spoiling for trouble since early afternoon. The scuffles were hardly a blot on the day, but the festival organisers will need to sort out the problem of excessive drinking before next year's event. CLIVE DAVIS

stances. He was as effective on the

blander, sub-Lalo Schiffrin com-

positions as on the more familiar

Charlie Parker speed tests, "Moose the Mooche" among

them. His contribution made up

for the slacker moments else-

where. As dusk fell, there was

rather more aggression to be found

here the London Philharmonic ness and roughness of voice was Orchestra's beautifully transporall part of his response to this character in this production.

The comic business is still very comic. Shore's jowly, geriatric facial ties are nicely observed and his combat with Pistol (played by Shore's own erstwhile mentor, Richard Van Allan) is perfectly timed. But there is more to Verdi's last great comic opera than the belly and belly laughs. "Is this dream or reality?" Ford asks. and On Saturday it was difficult to we should never quite know the tell if Shore was simply vocally answer.

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scoring reveals all the more cruelly the lack of any subtle verbal inflection vital to Sir John's "What is honour?" The numbness of the bass trombone, as Falstaff reflects on the death of manhood in such a wicked world, fails to

RADIO

Heavy Side of Town/ **Desert Island Discs** Radio 4

WHERE do radio people come from? Is there a secret geneticengineering centre devoted to replacing those called to the higher senility? One imagines a vast. echoic factory in which - at the end of a production line designed by Heath Robinson - a spanking new item periodically emerges. Furrowing their brows over it. a team of overalled gnomes conducts an exhaustive quality-control inspection. Can it hold a microphone? Yes, it can. Has it got a quirk? Yes, it has, What shall we call it? Quickly comes the answer: Ray Gosling.

On Monday mornings Ray is to be heard hawking his mike around the sites of Britain's quondam industrial glory, importuning real people and attempting to piece together a portrait of social change. At least, I assume he is attempting something of the sort, for The Heavy Side of Town inferno churning out real steel to

(Radio 4) exists on a plane of its own, high above the piddling concerns of disc jockeys and hairdressers and other ignoramuses who assume that just because the light comes on when they flip the switch, all must be well with the world. No. these programmes are about the millenissue of post-industrial Britain.

Ray's quirk - and it must be a iam-plate.

The Gosling squeak signals disparity: instead of a Blakean

death itself.

marketable one - is that he sounds as though he might be recuperating from a brain operation: slow diction coupled with a bizarre over-emphasis of unremarkable syllables. Denis Norden does something akin, except that he runs on lumbering puns: cher Ray, the jokes are cancelled commuter trains that never leave the sidings. Yesterday found him in Ebbw Vale. contemplating "The big blue shed of the tin-plate works" - the "tin" resounding in a near-soprano skirl of surprise, as though what he had really been led to expect was an industrial unit manufacturing

build real empires, there now stands a high-tech shack which caters to the needs of supermarket shelves. More extraordinarily vet. the doughty toilers own shares in the enterprise - even the shop steward who, while basically disagreeing with the concept, has rationalized his ownership on the ground that it in some way minimizes the economic depredations of outsiders. "Do you do this all day?" is a fair sample of Ray's interview technique. "Is this a satisfying job?" comes a worthy second-best. It is as if he cannot comprehend the horror of shopfloor boredom, as if real work consists of thrusting mikes into people's faces. He means well, of

course; he means to be matey; he sounds patronising. On Sunday, Radio 4 offered an unexpectedly timely second chance to hear the Desert Island Discs involving Sir Crispin Tickell, our man at the UN with the dark suit and the distinguished eyebrows and the total condemnation of Iraqi aggression. Now Sir Crispin is a man of many parts. He is, for example, extremely concerned about the deleterious consequences of global warming,

which - if you can remember that far back - was one of the big scare stories of the late 1980s. For Suc Lawley's benefit he recalled a Robert Redford, at which scientific bigwigs from Russia and America rubbed their brain cells together. During a break in the proceedings Sir Crispin went for a stroll and chanced upon a musician playing a composition entitled "Lullaby For The Baby Seal Pups". Remarkably, the envoy would like to pack this in his desert island baggage, or so he tells

Finding it difficult to grill a trained diplomat. Lawley was obliged to revert to coyness. When the prime minister dropped in on Sir Crispin in Mexico City, "I understand that the earth moved." Well yes, it did: there was an earthquake. But to what extent was he responsible for Mrs Thatcher's recent "greening"? Oh, hardly at all, for "the prime minister understands these problems better than anyone." If literally true, this was the most

disturbing news of the weekend. MARTIN CROPPER

NEW RELEASES

DIE HARD 2 (15): Action packed but relentessly sity sequel to an already absurd onginal with Bruce Willia's cop frying to wies! Washington export from another grop of terrorists on shother Chaismas Eve Director, Rently Hadin Odeon Leicester Square (071-800 6111)

MIGNON HAS LEFT (12): Florely lighten eflory of family live and applications have given modest sparkle by Stefanta Sendreth as a marchestage mother of five A first leadure by director Francesca Archibuge.

Metro (071 437 0757).

CURRENT.

L'ATALANTE (PS): Jean Vigo's.
enthralling Franch classic from 1934 — a lysical,
quasi-surreal tale of naminusos on a
barge, membrable performances by Data
footage, membrable performances by Data
Parto and Macrel Staron
Report (IT) 1957 Reform Renor (07 1-837 8402).

♦ BACK TO THE FUTURE PART (P (PG): A sturdy crowd-pleaser to round of senes, with some assuring jokes at the Western's expense Carmon Oxford Street (071-595 0310) Plaza (071-497 9999) Whiteleys (071-75 3303/3324)

SLACK RAINSOW (18): Mike Hodges supernatural finitier about a charlegen diarroyant (Flosenna Acquette) who foretels a murder. Strong on edgy amy and robustly acted, flough the sum is much less than the parts. Curzon West Exit (U71-439 4805).

♦ BLIND FURY (15): Fruity comedy adventure inspired by a Japanese o senes, with Ruiger Hauer as a blind Vielnam veteran effortlessly fighting the Director, Philip Noyce Cannon Panton Street (071-930 0831)

♦THE BOOST (18): Cautionary tale at ou Sean Young, but the story is trapped in a not Director, Harold Becker Cannon Oxford Street (071-636 0310),

CINEMA PARADISO (PG): Guseope Tomatore's nostalgic tale of a sneit Sicham cinema; an appealing sature to the movies Barbican (071-638 8991) Curzons: Maytan (071-465 8865) Phoenix (071-240

CRIMES AND MISDEMEANORS (15): Woody Allem's engrossing portinat of life's indires and immorathes. Strong performance by Martin Landau 38 an eye rom Allen and Alen Alda. Odeon Haymarket (071-639 7697).

♦ CRY-BABY (12): John Waters' frenetic w Unit Publis (12) John waters managed musical-cornecty salute to the pureshie delinquent scene of the Fiftes, the matteral wills some way before the end. John Depp. Amy Locane. Cannon Totaumann Court Road (071-636 6148) Empire (071-497 9999).

◆ DAYS OF THUNDER (12): Stock-car racing drame from the hear reavy on recetrack action and Torri reavy on recenance action and form Cruse's colory gain, weak on originality. Wrija Robert Dunali, directed by Tony Scott Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) Candons: Relies Street (071-935 9772) Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Empire (071-497 9389) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324)

Ayoktoourn's acheryl furny sensus-comedy, decided by the author Winnisman Theaths. Winnisman SW1 (071-957 1119); Underground Champ Cross. Mon-Sat Born mats Thors, 3pm and Sat, 4.30pm, Russing time: 2mrs 25mms.

ABSURD PERSON SINGULAR:

D BARBARIANS: David Jones's sorbing production of Gorky where ki ung Russians behave no better than

young Russians behave no better than drunk not ones Barbican Theatre Barbican Centre, Silk Street. EC2 (07-1038 BBH): Underground: Barbican(Mongate/SI Pau's Tongate) 7.30pm. Russing time: 3hrs 30mms E BURN THIS: John Walkowch is eye

catching but mannered as the write force in Lancerd Wilson's American cornedy Lyric, Strattesbury Avenue, W1 (071-437 5660) Underground Piccadilly Cincis, Mon-Sat, 7,50cm, mats Wed and Sat, 2,30pm Funning time. 2ms 55mms [] THE CRUCIBLE: Tom Wikinson

casi production National Theatre (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (071-928/2252) Undergraund, 9R-Waterino Toroght, tomorrow, 7 (5pm, mat tomorrow, 20m. Parming time. 3hrs 30mms. In

CIRQUE DU SOLEIL: Highly publicised Canadian troupe turns out to be less sensational than expected (07) 328 9800) Underground/99: Waterlo Tues Sat, 8pm, Sun, 6pm, mats Sat, 3pm and Sun, 2 30pm, Rumang Lane: 2ms ☐ A DREAM OF PEOPLE: Real mess of a play about the fading of the social service ideals. Janet Suzman directs. The Pit, Barbican Centre (as above).

SASPING: Hugh Laune and Bernard provides a convery apout the provides and of an and other un-green notions. Rather over the top but lots of laughs. Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (071-930 9832). Underground. Procadelly. Mon-Thurs, 8pm. Fn and Sat. 8 30pm, mais Fn and Sat. 5pm. Running time. 2hrs 30mms.

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I HENRY IV: Sound production of
Pranopolo's masterwork: Richard Hams
effective as the man who must pretend to
be emperor.

Wyndham's, Channg Cross Road, WC2
(071-867 1116) Underground Leicester
Souare, Mon-Sat, Rom, mat Sat, 4pm,
Ruming time. 2hrs 20mins

☐ HIDDEN LAUGHTER: Felicity Kendal and Peter Bankworth in Simon Gray's excellent new play, set in a West Country costage used for 13 years of rural retireate. Vaudeville, Strand, WC2 (07) 636 9988) Underground Charmy Cross, Mon-Fr., 7.45pm, Sat. 8 30pm, mals Wed, 3pm and Sat, 5pm, Running time 2ms 15mms.

CI JEFFREY BERNARD IS UNWELL: James Bolam as the drunk-about town columnst. A great shown you're happy in the company of drunks

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol •) on release across the country.

◆ DICK TRACY (PG) The blockbuster of me year — cazzing to look at though chector-star Warren Beatry obes kine to breathe like into the comic-sing delective. With Maderica Al Pacino Charle Korsmo Camden Parkway (071-257 7034) Camden Parkway (071-352 5096) Hay Camnons: Criscal (1017-522-500) Invalination (171-622-500) Invalination (171-522-500) Invalination (171-522-500) Screen (171-530-5111) Swites Costage (171-722-5905) Screen on Daker Street (171-535-2772) Warmer (171-438-0791) Whiteleys (171-782-3303)3324).

♦ GREMLINS 2: THE NEW SATCH (12): Rousing secure to the 1964 hit, admittly balanced between πισπετει and

nons: Baker Street (071-935 9772) Carrier Road (071-370 2635) Haymarket (07 839 1527) Oxford Street (071-535 0310) Shahasbury Avenue (071-635 8861) Warner (071-439 0781) Whiteleys (071-792

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♦ INTERNAL AFFAIRS (18): Richard

KAMIKAZE HEARTS (18): Raw American independent film, awherstly leave impresent independent film, awherstly leave impresent fect and fiction, about the love life and daily round of two actresses in the pomographic film business.

Metro (071-437-0757)

THE KILLER (18): Stylish, over-the-lop ing Kong crime metousine, vector anched in blood and lears, with Chow anched hit man. drenched in blood and Yun Fel as a desirected helmin ICA Cinema (071-930 3647).

♦ LORD OF THE FLIES (15): Flat new version of William Golding's savage nove Harry Hook directs. Barbican (071-638 8891) Carsion Tottennem Court Road (071-636 6148)

MEN DON'T LEAVE (15); Artificial tale of akent widow (Jessica Lange) weathering and emotional storms. Talent is

Innances and emotorial source. Teach on display, but the script's shallow sand sands the film sounding downwands. Decotor, Paul Brodman. Carmon Paration Street (071-930 0831) Screen on the Hill (071-935 3365). MONSIBUR HIPLE (15): Patrice Leconte's

MONSTELLY HPTL (13): Parities Labours and History, styles warran of Simeon novel about a bachelor a dark obsession with his neighbour, a striking achievement by director Parities Labourte.
Premiera (071-439.4470). ♦ MUSIC BOX (15): Costa-Gavras's ◆ Music BOX (19): Cost-cavess suggested, subsorbing observations of Africago commet actomey (Jessice Lange) (detending her faither from accusations of war crosses: With Armith Mueller Staft).

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♦ NUNS ON THE RUN (12): Enc lose and Robbie Colliume sheltering as nuns in Ju Suzman's convent school. Fast and

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of current theatre in London House full, returns only Some seats available Seats at all prices

Apollo, Shatissbury Avenue, WI (171-437 2953) Underground Piccadilly Grous, Mon-Fit, Sons, Sat, 8 Jopes, met Sat, Spin, Fluoring

identity problem.
Old Vic Theatre, Waterloo Read, SE1.
(1/71-928 7616) Underground/8FI Waterlander, 7 30pm, Sel. Spin, mats Wed.

Warner's ambitious production with lan McKellen and David Bradley National Theatre (Lyflelton) (as

MAN OF THE MOMENT: Markety

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Young Vic. 66 The Cut. SE1 (071-928
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☐ RETURN TO THE FOREIDDEN

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RELEGION (12) The rate of Nazioni 1000 recurrency (12) 1 the user or recommission screen markets but powerfully handled by director Jerry Schetzberg, Renoir (071-532 8402).

• ROMUALD AND JULIETTE (12): e Humanutu well autilia i le (TER Colore Serreati s social comedy about a yoghen factory boss who bats for the West Indian cleaning tady. Long-winded, but with desirans pistomarcus term Deniel Canadan Pigza (171 485 2443) Casicos Canadan (171 351 3742) Promiero (071 419

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A TALE OF SPRINGTIME (U): Enc Roman's absorbing study of the germes people play, with Florence Darel as a Caphicidus teenager hoping to post her new trend (Anna Teyspacine) into her father's appro. A симент delignt. Милеята (071-235 4225)

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THE ROCKY HORROR SHOW: cous and yeld (in the Upper Circle mainly), if and bearer, sometimes dealering. Piccacilly, Depmen Street, 9/1 (071 867 1118), Underground, Piccacilly Carcus, Mon-Thurs, 9pm, Fn, Sel. 7pm and 9 15pm. Receipt time Wy 30mms

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(c) A house with many features attractive to

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WINNING MOVE By Raymond Keene. Chess Correspondent

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9.05 But First This . . . Entertainment for younger viewers beginning with Belle and Sebastian (r) 9.25 Why Don't You . . . ? Ideas on how to keep children out of mischief (r) 10.00 News and weather followed by The Jetsons, Cartoon series 10.30

Playdays ()

10.55 Five to Eleven, Poetry read by the pupils of the Moor Park High School, Preston (r)

11.00 News and weather followed by Peaceable Kingdom. American drama series starring Lindsay Wagner as the director of the Los Angeles county 200. Today, Rebecca has trouble with cats running wild
2.00 News and weather followed by The

Garden Party. Actress Honor Blackman joins the show from the Glasgow Botanic Gardens. Robert Kilroy-Silk takes agriculture minister Barones Trumpington to lunch and there is an analysis of what makes good tomalo churney 12.55 Regional news and

1.00 One O'Clock News with Philip Hayton. Weather

1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) 1.50 Bliding
Suiter. Tony Butter hangs up his bicycle clips as he reaches journey's end on

his mammoth ride across the Midlands 2.20 Film; Lily In Love (1985). A sophisticated and witty comedy in which playwright Lity Wynn (Maggie Smith) decides that Fitzroy (Christopher Plummer), her ageing actor

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7.10 Open University. Genes, Goels and

starring Greer Garson and Walter

Pidgeon. Second world war morale-booster, which not only caught the

idealised housewife surviving the

war in her English country garden.

popular mood but won seven Oscars

including best actress for Garson as the

simple Victorian cottage in the hamlet of Walderton in the Sussex Weald tells

us about the people who once lived in it

on Assignment. Taking pictures for the National Geographic magazine must be the traveller's dream. Today's

photographers on assignment, one in Yugoslavia and the other in Spain (r)

Yugoslavia and the other in Spain (r) 1.20 Charlie Chalk, Animated children's

The Lowdown - Fighting for Breath with sign language and subtitles (1)

Supergoals, Ends 7.35 9.00 Mastermind 1980 presented by

Magnus Magnusson (r) 101.30 Film: Mrs Miniver (1942, b/w)

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11.40 Chronicle: The Cottage. What a

12.30 Wideworld: National Geographic -

programme tooks at two

1.35 Sign Extra. An opportunity to see

Great Britons. The lives behind

blow-by-blow account of the

3.00 News and weather followed by

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2.00 News and weather followed by

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husband, is unsuitable as the romantic lead in her next film. He must persuade her otherwise. Directed by Karoly Makk 4.00 Red and Blue. Two Plasticine

characters battle it out in this animated double bill 4.10 The All New Popeye Show. Cartoon adventure with the spreach-eating hero (r) 4.35 The Really Wild Show. Award-winning children's educational programme. With Terry Nutkins, Nicola Davies and

Chris Packham (r) 5.00 Newsround 5.10 Steel Riders. Third in an eight-part action thriller from New Zealand, Sandra's father is arrested when the police find an emerald. (Ceefax)
5.35 Neighbours. (r). (Ceefax). Northern

Ireland: Sportswide; 5.40 Inside Uister 8.00 Six O'Clock News with Anna Ford and Andrew Harvey. Weather

8.30 Regional News Magazines. Wales: Wales Today; Northern Ireland: Neighbours 7.00 Last of the Summer Wine: Getting

Barry Higher in the World. Roy Clarke's gentie paced comedy about three old rogues in the Yorkshire Dales. Seymour tries to make a child's kite (r) (Ceefax)
7.30 EastEnders. (Ceefax)
8.00 May to December: Fools Rush In.

Re-run of Paul A. Mendelson's likeable

ntic comedy with Anton

Rodgers as a Scottish solicitor in love with a young games mistress (Eve Matheson) (r) (Ceefax) 8.30 The Les Dennis Laughter Show. Another helping of variable comedy sketches with support from Martin Deniels, Lisa Maxwell and Mark Walker

(r) (Ceefax) Nine O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. Regional news and weather 9.30 Film: The Towering Inferno (1974). The archetypal 1970s disaster movie in which an all-star cast, headed by Sleve McQueen and Paul Newman. battle to save the world's tallest Skyscraper from being razed to the ground. Their attempts are hampered by an assortment of partygoers who are stranded at the top.



n: stars as the architect (9.30pm) Sizzling action from directors John mr. and Irwin Allen. (Ceefax).

12.10am Weather

small country of Liechtenstein has been ruled by Prince Franz Josef II since 1938. Robert Lacey discovers how the community has been transformed into Europe's richest (r)
3.50 Naws and weather. Regional news

4.00 Film: The Moonraker (1958) starring George Baker and Sylvia Syms. Swashbuckling adventure set in 17th-century merry England as a dashing young highwayman rescues Charles, helt to the throne from the clutches of the

surprisingly effective Cromwell. Directed by David MacDonald 5.20 Town Portraits. John Grundy visits

compost experiments (r) 6.00-Film: Our Man in Marrakesh (1966) starring Tony Randall, Senta Berger, Herbert Lom, Klaus Kinski, Terry-Thomas and Wilfind Hyde Whrte. Tepid gangster spoof in which a courier willing to pay \$2 million in return for information hides among a busicad

7.35 Bilko: Bilko and the Medium Vintage comedy starring Phil Silvers. Bilko stages a seance for Sergeant Ritzik to advise him on how to spend his

8.00 Hear-Say. The last progamme in the series looks at what appears to be a paradox. Britain's black youth are alleged to have limited ambition because they lack role-models. Yet black stars in sport, entertainment and politics are among the most admired. Jacqui Harper and Colin

Roundheads. John Le Mesurier makes a

Bellingham in Northumberland (r) 5.30 Gardeners' World. The merits of flyeating plants and an update on the

of Moroccan tourists. Directed by Don

Charles investigate



Northern Ireland: Agenda; 10,20-1.00am Film: The Towering Inferno

8.30 Wildlife Showcase: Mud Matters. industrial and agricultural development, leisure activities and proposals for tidal barrages are swallowing up rich feeding grounds for hundreds of thousands of birds. The last of five programmes by film-makers from around the world explores the increasing eat to Britain's estuaries. (Ceefax)

9.00 A Bit of Fry and Laune, Superior sketches from the comedy duo of Stephen Fry and Hugh Laune, including shockingly explicit gardening tips (r) (Ceefax) 9.30 Roads to Xanadu: The Colour of

the Cat. The last of four programmes looking at the rise and fall of science and lechnology in China, from ancient times to the present. In 1978, Deng Xiaoping introduced economic reforms in the belief that western technology could thrive in China without political reform. Believing political change is essential to technological development, Fang Lizhi, a Chinese scientist living in exile in Cambridge, was proved right by the events which took place in Tiananmen Square. (Ceefax) 10.20 Mini Sagas: The Best Ever Nuclear

Fall-Out Shelter. Last in the senes of short dramas starring Mick Ford and Bill Walks. What was that saying about "the best-laid plans . . . "? (Ceetax) 10.30 Newsnight with Jeremy Pauman 11.15 Edinburgh Nights. Clive Anderson

tours the festival's comedy circuit; Kirsty Wark watches the homeless make their debut on stage; the Danish company Hotel Pro Forma perform in a new dimension; and, in concert, the cream of contemporary Scottish composers

12.00 Open University. Education: Time to Learn. Ends 12.30am

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6.00 TV-am 9.25 He-Man and the Masters of the Universe (r) 9.50 Thames News and weather 9.55 Inspector Gadget (r) 10.25 Vicky the Viking 10.50 News

headlines 10.55 Treasure Island in Outer Space 11.50 Thames News and weather 11.55 The Adventures of Tintin (r) 12.00

Porky Pig 12.05 Rod, Jane and Freddy 12.25 Home and Away. 12.55 Thames News and weather

1.00 News at One with John Suchet. Weather 1.20 Coronation Street. (r) 1 50 A Country Practice 2.20 Take the High

2.50 What's My Line? Angela Rippon hosts the guess-the-occupation panel game 3.15 News headings 3.20 hames News headlines 3.25 Families 3.55 Turn on to T-Bag (r) 4.20 Under the Bedclothes 4.45 Scooby Doc. (r) 5.10

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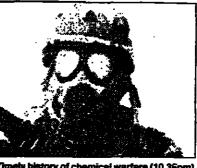
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7.30 Thames Action. Three families living in bed and breakfast accommodation present a report on the plight of the homeless, recording their findings on mıni video çamera:

8.00 The Bill: Vendetta. More unorthodox policing from DI Burnside, trying to sort out a family feud that has enupied

into violence (Oracle) 8.30 The Magistrate. The final instalment of the Maria-busting mini-series starring Franco Nero Paolo's search for his son. Robbie, has been successful, but Paolo is disturbed to learn that his suspicions about Robbie's illegal activities were correct. Meanwhile, Claire and Roger continue their investigation into the inkerman Foundation (Gracle)

10.00 News at Ten with Alestair Burnel and Sandy Gall. Weather 10.30 Thames News and weather



10.35 Viewpoint 90: Fog of War.

CHOICE: Given Iraq's recent use of chemical weapons against tran and against its own people, Viewpoint 90: Fog of War offers a timely summary

of the brief and terrible history of chemical warfare. Poison gas was introduced in the first world war to such appelling effect that it played no part in the second world war. Since then chemical weapons, although developed, manufactured and stored, have not been used in war, except by the Americans in Vietnam and by Iraq. Until recently, both the United States and the Soviet Union have prevarigated on the subject of such weapons while possessing enough to destroy the world several times over. Now, however, both are intent on reducing their stock piles - to just enough to wipe us all out once. Standard policy between the superpowers as to the use of chemical weapons has been one of "after you" — so far effective — but with both irac and perhaps Libya now holding these weapons their future

use hangs even more in the balance 11.35 Prisoner: Cell Block H 12.30am Room for Change: The Bedroom/Bathroom. Three designers are asked to create an open plan bedroom/bathroom. Presented by Peter

Leonard (r)
1.00 Video View with Mariella Frostrup 1.30 Banks and Copstick at the Festival. Morwenna Banks and Kate Constick report on the more unusual events at the Edinburgh Festival
2.30 Donahue. Phil Donahue is joined by

Burl Lancaster 3.30 Quiz Night writ Ross King 4.00 Entertainment UK

5.00 ITN Morning News with Anne Leuchars. Ends 6.00

11.50 Boulez and the Twentieth Century:

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6.00 Nosh's Ark. Journeys down the Andean Rivers 6.20 Business Daily

6.30 The Channel Four Daily 9.25 The Art of Landscape. Footage of stunning scenery set to a relaxing musical backgrund

11.00 As It Happens. Michael Groth and his camera crew head north, recording whatever and whoever they discover in their travels around Scorland 12.00 Way of the Lakes. Tony Warburton

samples the delights of one of Britain's greatest National Parks, the Lake District, where water-sking, pony-trekking and birdwatching are some of the activities on offer to visitors who want to do more than admire the scenery

12.30 Business Daily. Financial and business news service 1.00 Sesame Street (r)

2.00 Channel Four Racing, Brough Scott introduces the day's races from York, with commentary by Granam Goode. Includes the Eagle Lane Acomb Stakes (2.05), Racecall Metrose Handicap (2.35); Juddmonte International Stakes (3.10); Great Voltigeur Stakes (3.45); and the Dowsing Handicap (4.15)
4.30 Countdown. The quietly compulsive

words and numbers quiz, hosted by Richard Whiteley 5.00 The Lone Ranger (b/w) 5.30 Noah's Ark: Lauca National Park.

(Teletext) 6.00 Sumo. The rotund sportsmen in action in the 1989 Autumn Grand Sumo

Tournament, from Tokyo. With commentary by Lyali Watson (r) 6.30 Mork and Mindy. Cornedy with the frenetic alien from Ork. Starring Robin

Williams and Pam Dawber 7.00 Channel Four News with Jon Snow 7.50 Comment followed by weathe 8.00 Landshapes: Twenty Long Winters. Tim Preece presents the third

in a seven-part series, filmed from the air, showing how some of Britain's most spectacular landscape features were created. This week, he looks at the effect of 20 or more advances and retreats by polar ice thousands of feet thick on the land

which lies beneath it (r). (Teletext) 8.30 Cooking with Mosimann. Culmary genius Anton Mosimann prepares a traditional Sunday lunch of roast beet and Yorkshire pudding. (Teletext) 9.00 The Thatcher Audit. CHOICE: In a series of three

personal documentaries, economic journalists give Mrs Thatcher her ten year report. John Plender's is not favourable, initial boldness undermined by ideological obsessions and policy flaws. Favounte hits and misses from the period include: Bang the Bell, Jack, I'm on the Bus; The Lady's Not for Turning, HP Happy, Privatisation Shuffle, Property Boom-Boom-a-Bang, Pop Capitalism and Union Blues. Back-up is by the Fat Cats (a species vulnerable only to the Rottwelle factor). Best riff is from the one that says. "The British public still has a lot to learn about share ownership . . . A lot of them are still not very far off the bottom of the learning curve." Norman Tebbit murmurs, with more of an air of regret than he perhaps intended, "After all, one has to deal with the people in a democracy."
Plender's attack includes the illusory nature of privatisation and the government's failure to plan for the industrial future with an adequate supply of skilled labour. (Teletext)

10.00 Film: Kids Like These (1987) starring Tyne Daly, Richard Crenna and Martin Balsam. Decently acted and sometimes glutinous television movie based on the true story of a family's attempts to give their new-born son Alex, a victim of Down's Syndrome, a normal life. Directed by Georg Stanford

Rhythm,
CHOICE: "Twentieth century music remains in an alien and inaccessible sphere," intones a senous young woman at the start of this new six-part senes. Awophopaloola? No, the plink-plank of avant-garde music, here given a guided tour bi the telegenic face of such music. Pierre Boulez, Boulez and the Twentiern Century appears accessible enough at first, a demonstration of the evolution of rhythm in 20th century music — characterized today by irregularity of best and mobility of tempo Concerting, Carter's Kreuzspiel and Stockhausen's Pieces for Timpani. So far so straightforward, but soon the casual viewer is likely to feel lost, and the intolerant no better disposed. Boulez — "without being too philosophical" - moves rapidly into difficult terntory, made more difficult by subtitles (for this is a bought-in programme): "Length is a sort of arithmetic of note values which is absolutely impossible to count



physically." Unlike sheep

Pierre Boulez: event-garde music (11.50pm)

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RADIO 3 6.35am Open University (FM only): Shakespeare's Last Plays: The Tempest 6.55 Weather and News Headlines

7.00 Morning Concert: Handel (Concerto Grosso in G, Op 6 No 1: English Concert under Trevor Pinnock); Frederick the Great (Flute Concerto in C: Musica Antiqua under Jacques Roussel, with Jean-Pierre Rampal, flute)

7.30 News 7.35 Morning Concert (cont): Vaughan Williams (Overture, The Poisoned Kiss: Bournemouth Sinfonietta under George Hurst); Humme (Trumpet Concerto in E flat: National Philhermonic Orchestra under Raymond Leoperd, with Wynton Leppero, with hydron Marselis, trumpet); Mozart (Sympnony No 33 in B flet, K 319: Royal Concertgebouw Orchestra under Nikolaus Harnoncourt)

8.35 Composers of the Wee Weber, Tno in G minor, J 259 (Judith Pearce, flute, Christopher van Kampen, callo, lan Brown, piano); Die Temperamente beim, Verluste der Geliebten, Op 46 (Mertyn Hill, tenor, Christopher Hogwood, piano); Concerto No 1 in F muor, Op 73 (Orchestra of the Age of

Orchestra of the Age of Inaghtenment under Antony Pay, clarinet)
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under Roger Nomington, with
Steven Isserile, cello, perform
Rossini (Overture, Barber of
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11.00 Edmburgh International
Festival 1990: Live from the
Queen's Half, Edmburgh.
Panochs String Quartet, with
Rudolf Firkushy, piano,
performs Haydin (String)
Quartet in C, Emperor, Op 76
No 3; Martinul (String) Quartet
No 5), 12.00 Third Ear ig
Edinburgh, Rudolf Firkushy,
who is this year's artist in
residence, talks to Raymond
Monelle about the festival
12.200m Dvoták (Pano)

12.20pm Dvoták (Piano Quintet No.2 in A. Op 81) 1.00pm News
1.05 Innovator and Visionery: The plantst Alan Gravil plays Beathoven (Potonelse in C, Op 89; Andante tavori, WoO 57; Sonsite in A flat, Op 110)

1.45 A Beat in Time: The last of a six-part senes in which Brian Wright considers how the art of conducting has developed over the years. Today's programme includes: Brahms ionony No 4: unde (Symptony No 4: under Fludolph Kempe); Webern (Passecaglis, Op 1: under Herbert von Karajan); Tchaikovsky (Francesca da amını: under Leopold 4.05 Summer Music: From the

Reading 5.30 Mounty for Pleasure: The

482), 8.30 The Promenade Ticket. Malcoim Hayes chooses extracts from the

12.00 News

12.05am Close

University of Wales. Delmé String Quertet: Galina Solodchin and John Trusler, violins, John Underwood, viola Jonathan Williams, cello, with

Johannan winagms, cleab, with Jack Brymer, clannet, performs Beethoven (String Quartet in D, Op 18 No 3); Daniel Jones (String Quartet, 1988); Mozart (Clannet Quinter in A, K 581), incl 4.45 Interval Reacting

modern caparet. Anthony Burton explores the tho's the second of five conversations with leading

> Scottish Symphony Orchestra under Jerzy Meksymkuk performs Stravinsky (Symphony in three movements); Mozart (Piano Concerto No 22 in E flat, K

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in D)

9.45 Drama Now: Lame Ducks, by
Nigel Moffatt. Sam lives a
detached life, watching the
world from his flat. Disputing
his claim to be a knowing
observer, his write Genieve
thinks he is a frightened

combined talents of Richard Rodney Bennett, Joshua Rifler and Benny Goodman range from medieval songs to 7.05 Five Master Photographers: In

photographers, Lord Snowdon talks to Colin Ford about the art of using a camera truthfully 7.30 Proms 1990: Live from the Albert Hall, London, BBC

Edwardian concert-goers, written by A.H. Sidgwick. 8.50 Rachmaninov (Symphony No 1

minks he is a mighted prisoner. Rumours of Geneve's intideity force Sam to take an active part in his own cestiny. With Norman Beaton as Sam, Mona Hemmond as Geneve and Bran Bovell as Arthur Commoners of the Week!

11.00 Composers of the Week:

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2,00pm Caribe (1987): A tropical action-tirrilar set in Central America. A munitions

EUROSPORT

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RADIO 4

9.00 Na 9.05 Call Nick Ross: 01-580 4411 10.00 Ne News; The Teachers:
CHOICE: All right, everyone knows the microphone is on and therefore it's hard to avoid giving a "performance" But, as week follows week, this "fly on the wall" senes about life in a Midlands comprehensive increasingly shows signs that staff and pupils are learning to take the

eavestrooping tape-recorder for granted and saving the first ining that comes into their heads. Today's episode 8.00 Sc concentrates on classroom control. Or, in the case of one dejected student teacher, the lack of it. There's clearly something wrong with the psychology of school discipline when a teacher, reviewing a frustrating

morning a mounting morning has to fall back on euphemisms like pupil "buoyancy" when what he really means is a co-ordinated deplay of unputation. display of unruliness 10.30 Morrang Story: The Primrose
Place, by H.E. Bates.
10.45 Daily Service
11.00 News; Citizens
11.25 From Our Own Correspondent

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John Warle 12.25pm Trivia Test Match (s) 12.55 Weather
1.00 The World at One
1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55 Shipping Forecast; Listening Comer (FM only) 2.00 News: Woman's Hour: A discussion on children and news — how much should the second the seco

they know about the world around them?; a feature or kites and an interview with News; Thirry Minute Theatre; The Decoy, French farce by Affred de Musset, Jaqueline's husband suspects she is 3.32 The Tingle Fector: Sir Nicholas Goodson talks about music that sends a shiver down his spine (s) 4.00 News 4.05 Age to Age: Barry Cunhife explores two aspects of explores two aspects of historical conservation. In Dethi ne talks to Martand Singh and Sean Street visits Brodsworth Hall near

Doncaster
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6.30 Gornam and Swift: The first of nine comedy sketches starring Carl Gornam and Amanda Swift. (s) 7.00 News 7.05 The Archers 7.20 Relative Values: Michael

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O'Donnell with four lamily
portraits. Part 3: The Jones's
of Birmingham (s) (r)
Science Now. John Alun Lewis
live from Swansea at the 1990
meeting of the British
Association for the
Advancement of Science Advancement of Science 8.30 When the Boat Came in: Nice Sprvey, who helped resett Vietnamese retugees ten years ago, describes their introduction to Oxley House,

8.45 in Touch 9.15 Kaleudoscope: from the Edinburgh Festival. A review of Mike Leigh's play Greek Tragedy and of various Martinu concerts, and a repor on the Japanese the

company Ninegawa (s)
9.45 The Financial World Tonight
9.59 Weather 10.00 The World Tonight 10.45 A Book at Bedtime: Cloak

Without Dagger, by Rupert Grayson (2 of 8) (s) 11.00 The Local Network: Roundup at the OK Corral Reporters Neil Walker and David Clayton Neil Walker and David Claytor discover those fascinated by the Wild West (r) 11.30 The Year in Question: With Simon Bates (s) (r) 12.00-12.30am News, incl 12.20 Weatner 12.33 Shipping Forecast

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SKY MOVIES

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between the World Wars, a objoinat's wife
takes her young son for a rest curs at a
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12.00 Weeds (1967): A violent cruminal (Nick Notes) is sentenced to life behind bers, and forms a theatre company leade philon. The production as so successful that Note is

primar set in Central America. A manisons saleswoman goes with her partners to sail arms to revolutionance, but they soon and themselves besting to save thes lives. With John Savage and Kara Glover.
4.00 No Way Out (1987): Kevin Costner stars as a rayed officer who stares a lover. states as a rayon concat wind states a cover (Seen Young) with the US Secretary of State for Delence (Gene Heckmen). When the politician lists her in a fit of periously. Costner is set to brack hen down. Ends 5.55

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GALAXY

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From GIRARD STEICHEN IN BONN

THE two Germanies began a final round of talks yesterday on a unification treaty already clouded by the collapse of East Germany's coalition government and bitter political bickering in Bonn.

The negotiations, which are expected to last the week, are designed to set down the final technical, financial and legal components of German unification.

Whether the document will ultimately be approved remains in doubt after the pullout on Sunday of the Social Democrats (SPD)

Kuwait banks on its assets

Continued from page 1 tion and meals are being provided by neighbouring governments. About 150,000 were abroad at the time of the invasion, including 25,000 in Britain.

The minister said that revenue from the investment office accounted for about half its budget. There was also substantial income from other Kuwaiti investment bodies in the US. Japan and

The government-in-exile, based in Saudi Arabia, probably has a bigger income than the puppet government set up by Iraq, if any subsidies from Baghdad are disregarded. Before the invasion revenue from 1.5 million barrels of oil a day and revenue from investments were the two largest income sources, as there was no income tax. Utilities did not run at an overall profit; many were heavily subsidised.

Oil production has not resumed because of the United Nations trade sanctions. The puppet government is thought to depend on money seized from the Central Bank, which the minister estimated at £200 million, and subsidies from Baghdad. It is unclear whether it has succeeded in opening strongrooms under the bank containing Kuwait's gold reserves.

Twenty one of the 22 members of the government-in-exile are in Saudi Arabia, the exception being the defence minister. According to the source, he remains inside Kuwait and is co-ordinating the resistance to Iraq.

The government continues to hold cabinet meetings every Sunday under the chairmanship of Sheikh Saad al-Abdullah al-Sabah, the Crown Prince. Kuwait also continues to be represented in virtually all international bodies, despite Iraq's claim that it no longer exists.

from the government of the East German prime minister, Lothar de Maizière. The collapse of the broad coalition leaves the government short of a majority in parliament. The unification treaty would require a two-thirds

Social Democrats have said they will not vote for the document in its present form because it does not offer East Germans enough social guarantees. However, the leadership has said it is still willing to negotiate on its terms. There is also serious dispute over how tax revenues will be distributed to states after

The government of Helmut Kohl, the West German chancellor, has warned that if the treaty is not ratified West German law could be imposed unilaterally on the East until elections are held in December. With the nation's economy in chaos, there are increasing calls for East Germany's parliament to approve immediate merger with West Germany and accept a transitional law. Herr de Maizière wants East Germany to vote to unify with West Germany in October after the unification treaty is approved and in tandem with state elections.

Herr De Maizière said he will push for passage of the unification treaty, which he contends is the only way that the interests of East Germans can be adequately guarded. "This is a matter of conscience," Herr de Maizière said. Oskar Lafontaine, Herr Kohl's SPD challenger in the December 2 elections, renewed his call for an immediate East German merger. He wants East Germany's parliament to take such a vote tomorrow. He said the unity treaty was deeply flawed. "The treaty in its present form is not capable of tackling the tremendous problems that face us," Herr Lafontaine said.

East German SPD leaders say they will ask parliament to approve a merger for mid-September after Allied talks on the status of a united Germany are complete.

The decision by the SPD to pull out of the coalition came after Herr de Maizière sacked two SPD ministers in charge of the economy. He blamed the ministers for bungling economic reforms after monetary union in July.

Herr de Maizière said yesterday that all SPD ministers who have since resigned will be replaced in their duties by state secretaries. The prime minister said he was personally taking over the office of foreign minister after the resignation of Markus Meckel.

Herr de Maizière said: "I don" want people to get the impression that there are suddenly only empty

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Hurricane windfall: some of the garden benches made from rare trees which were toppled in Kew Gardens by the great storm of October, 1987. They are to be anctioned by Sotheby's at Billingshurst, Sussex, next mouth, in aid of the Royal Botanic Gardens and are expected to fetch between £1,000 and £1,500 each

'eltsin's deputy urges Ryzhkov to resign

From Mary Dejevsky IN MOSCOW

BORIS Yeltsin's deputy yesterday urged Nikolai Ryzhkov, the Soviet prime minister, to resign over the Kremlin's failure to cope with the economic crisis facing the nation.

Ruslan Khasbulatov, an economist and vice-president of the Russian Federation, appealed to foreign countries and firms to do business with Russian rather than with central Soviet institutions.

He accused the central government of "very cleverly" ignoring documents passed by the Russian parliament on economic independence and disregarding the Russian Federation's interests. Mr Ryzhkov's "extreme incompe-

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tence" had led the Soviet Union to its "present dead end" and ac-cused him of "not fulfilling the task set by President Gorbachev" in revising the central government's economic reform programme. "I would retire the government at once," he said.

He accused the Soviet government of making provocative statements which set the Soviet Union against Russia and trying to destabilize the situation and undermine Mr Gorbachev's policies. However, he also expressed total loyalty to the Soviet Union and to President Gorbachev.

His praise for Mr Gorbachev and his policies suggested that a possible alliance had been formed between the Russian Federation leadership and the president to isolate Mr Ryzhkov, who is increasingly, and probably unjustly, regarded as an economic conservative and an impediment to radical change.

Mr Khasbulatov's comments

meeting of the special working group on the economy which he supervises jointly with President Mr Yeltsin was yesterday in the

are likely to have the full support

of Mr Yeltsin, who was in Moscow

late last week in order to attend a

Soviet Far East, visiting the ports of Vladivostok and Nakhodka. Viktor Yaroshenko, the Russian

Federation's minister for economic relations, said that foreign

countries and banks should con-

was finally given permission. The

airport was sealed off for two

sider advancing credit to Russia rather than to the Soviet Union. "If people give credit, they should give it to those who will repay it, and that will be the republics." However, he emphasised that

investment was more attractive to

the Russian government than credit and claimed that the republic had already received more than 200 billion roubles (£200 billion). Earlier, Mr Khasbulatov had described Soviet government demands that Russia give up 60 per cent of its convertible currency earnings to the centre as unacceptable. Referring to the recent agreement between the Soviet state company for diamond mar-

keting and a Swiss affiliate of the

South African firm, De Beers,

dispose of natural resources, Mr Khasbulatov said agreements already concluded had to be honoured. But the Russian government had a right to know what deals were being done and had to be able to monitor them. He said the present situation, where the Russian Federation's

which sparked off the dispute

between the Russian Federation

and the Kremlin over the right to

leadership had no information about the country's gold reserves or their sale, was "not normal", At the weekend, the Russian

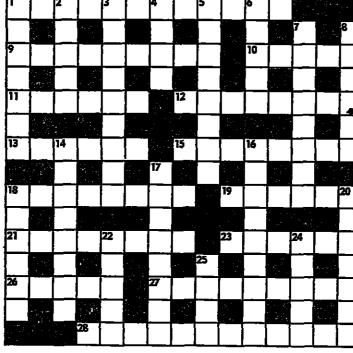
justice minister, Nikolai Fedorov, complained in a newspaper interview that the Soviet government had dumped gold worth more than \$1 billion (£520 million) on Western markets in less than two weeks.

He said maximum Soviet gold sales were normally between \$2 billion and \$3 billion a year. He gave no details about the timing of the sales, which he said were reported on a service of the official Tass news agency restricted to senior officials.

that large amounts of Soviet gold have been deposited in Western

.Mr Fedorov said that the gold

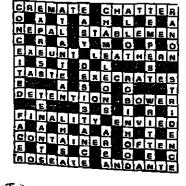
THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 18,378



ACROSS

- 1 Opener to name one or two flats, perhaps (3.9).
- 9 Royal turncoat found in simple story (9). 10 A king - one in favour (5).
- 11 Padre's ignoble part in surrender
- 12 A flyer starting elementary training requires strict disciplinarian
- 13 Withdraw from French sector 15 Note bound to be of sound qual-
- ity (8), 18 Alcohol mixture with mature body (8).
- 19 Working the old way in agreement (6).
- 21 State in Spain or Italy of alert
- 23 The foreign crowd returned to

Solution to Puzzle No 18,377



26 Midnight excursion around the hog's-back (5). 27 College to choose in the USA

28 Literary lady's luck begins to change (4.8).

- I Affectionate Russian relatives
- 2 Gets out in the county (5). 3 A guru in LA moving to an address in Washington (9).
- 4 Climbing plant without a fastening device (4).
- 5 Young person to generate trou-
- 6 Proper set up, with great potential (5).
- 7 Girl in taxi is using it for a trip 8 Finally arrange to make pay-
- ment (6). 14 Ending voluntary sounds indecent (8). voluntary support
- 16 Rigid code in Castile (9).
- 17 A giver, for example, in distress (8).
- 18 Iron lady's headgear? (6). 20 Christmas brand of record you li hear first (7). 22 Catherine, perhaps, ends the
- stanza (5). 24 Animal caught by soldiers on both sides of the Atlantic (5). 25 It's known to everyone, said Jin-
- gle (4). Concise Crossword, page 11

WORD-WATCHING

c. Russia leather **GORP** a. To squint

b. With a criminal intent c. A nice house

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A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct? By Philip Howard

a. Fringes of the weft b. Hair cut into a crest

c. Go Rest in Peace OLLAV 2. A Basque olive b. An Irish doctor

c. To anoint with oil DES RES

Answers on page 14

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Continued from page 1 mandos took up positions around with a fresh one. Tass said. the runway before the hijackers Negotiations continued through the night and the plane was allowed to refuel and leave after • HELSINKI: Finland decided yesterday to extradite a young the hijackers promised to free the Soviet hijacker who claimed he hostages on arrival.

Hijack ends in Karachi

was placed in a mental hospital for The TU 154 plane, carrying 29 refusing to do military service. His passengers and nine crew memapplication for political asylum bers, was originally refused perwas turned down. mission to land at Karachi's Quaid-e-Azam international airweeks to take port. But the pilot said that he only had five minutes' of fuel left and

Tallinn to Lvov. (Reuter)

Mikhail Varfolomeyev, aged 20, into custody, a Justice Ministry statement said. He had hijacked an Aeroflot airliner on an internal flight from

Recent reports have suggested banks as collateral for loans.

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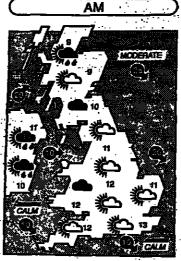
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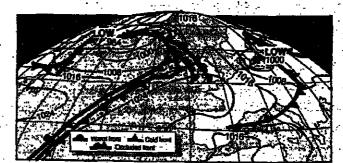
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explanation

THE International Stock Exchange was last night still waiting for a full explanation of the sequence of events leading up to Asil Nadir's withdrawal from a bid approach for Polly Peck, the fresh fruit, leisure and electronics group.

The Stock Exchange requested an immediate filing on the matter on Friday after Mr Nadir, Polly Peck's chairman who owns 26 per cent of the group, said he had decided not to bid for the company because several institutional shareholders said he could not offer enough money to tempt

Shares in Polly Peck closed down 17p at 307p, compared with a high of 462p last week after Mr Nadir made a bid

Arnolds sold

Benion, the mini-conglomerate specialising in property, has sold Arnolds (Bainbridges) to a manage-ment-led team for £1.15 million Britain's biggest venture capital group, 3i, together with Jim Omand of Hobourn Group and Don Francis, Arnold's chief executive, are participating in the buy-out. National Westminster Bank is providing short-term finance. Arnolds, based in Kent, is an engineering fabricator and maker of conveying waste and compaction systems.

Telecom denial

The Treasury has denied claims that it has advanced any plans to sell its remaining 49 per cent stake in British Telecom before the next election. The government will keep under review the sale of its residual shareholding as the circumstances of the company and market conditions permit," a spokesman said.

Resort ahead

Resort Hotels, the former BES issue, has reported a 207 per cent increase in pre-tax profits to £3.62 million for the year to end-April. Earnings per share rose 17 per cent to 1.85p. A final 0.43p dividend makes a total of 0.65p for the year, an

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Major indices and

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major changes Page 18 INTEREST HATES

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* Denotes latest trading price

TOURIST HATES

Retail Price Index: 126.8 (July)

ISE is still awaiting Polly Peck Bank lending slows to four-year low

By Graham Searjeant, Financial editor

More recent figures show

to slack consumer spending.

Over the past six months, MO

per cent, down from 4.7 per

and by only 0.1 per cent over

Growth in M4 over the latest half year fell more

sharply, from an annual rate

of 15.6 per cent to 13.3 per

Simon Briscoe, of Green-

well Montagu, the securities group, said that on the basis of

more recent weekly figures for circulation of banknotes, MO

growth was likely to fall just

within the long-standing target

range of 1-5 per cent in August

and that this was consistent

with a 1 point cut in short-

term interest rates within the

But Gerard Lyons, econo-

mist with DKB International,

the Japanese house, said the

next two or three months.

the latest three months.

A SHARP fall in bank coin, helping to cut the annual relax monetary policy until money supply last month has given John Major, the chancellor, some of the firmest evidence yet that high interest rates are partly because investors who subscribed to the privatisation

progressively curbing credit and spending.
Lending by banks and building societies grew by only £3.9 billion, the smallest monthly increase since August 1987, as personal and mortgage lending stagnated and retailers cut their overdrafts. The annual rate of growth in lending, though still running at 17.2 per cent, fell to its

lowest for four years. The slowdown, which was sharper than expected, helped sterling to continue its upward trend on the foreign exchange markets. The Bank of England's sterling index rose from Friday's close of 95.3 to 95.8 and the pound, which had opened 1.5 pfennigs up against the mark, later edged above 2.99 marks.

Long-dated gilt-edged stocks retained about half their initial rise of half a point, but the news had little impact on shares, which fell on reports from the Gulf and the weakness in New York.

The growth in money supply came to a halt in July, albeit perhaps temporarily, as cash holdings fell. There was a drop of 0.5 per cent over the month in M0, the narrow money measure of notes and chancellor was unlikely to

MCCall its New

\$2 million in cash, making up

the balance over several years.

Bob Cherins, McCaffrey's

chairman and chief executive,

In London, a Saatchi spokesman said: "We're still

in negotiations with the

management, as we have been

declined to comment.

for some months."

advertising agency.

lending growth and the rate of growth from 6.5 per there was further evidence of cent in June to 5.5 per cent. an economic downturn, be-The broad measure of cause this might undermine money, M4, which has been the tough message he wants to growing much faster, reg-istered no increase last month, give to consumers and wage

The slower growth in bank lending included a £240 milof water service groups had to lion cut in borrowing by pay the second instalment on retailers, who had cut stocks in their summer sales. This continued a trend shown in their shares. The 12 month growth in M4 also dropped from 16.8 per cent to 16.3 per new government figures, which estimated a net fall of £236 million in stocks held by the growth in money supply is manufacturers, wholesalers decelerating faster in response and retailers combined in the second quarter of the year. Of this, who elsalers cut stocks by grew at an annual rate of 4.2 £168 million, while manufacturers increased stocks cent in the six months to June slightly.

There was also a net fall of almost £250 million in banks' personal lending, mainly on non-mortgage lending. Allowing for special factors, bank lending to the personal sector

The second month of each quarter has recently shown the lowest increase in lending due to gaps in seasonal adjustments. On that basis, extra July lending of £3.9 billion compares with £4.1 billion in April, the comparable month of the second quarter. This confirms the trend in June, when lending including rolled up quarterly interest grew by £7.1 billion compared with £9.2 billion in March.

Comment, page 19 Saatchi in talks on buyout

by McCaffrey management From JOHN DURIE IN NEW YORK SAATCHI & Saatchi is trying has found it difficult to pro- based legal consultancy, to its

agement buyout of McCaffrey months. ichi stafieo negoi with management early last The management have of- year but then wanted as much fered to buy the agency for less as \$40 million. It appears that than \$20 million. Under the Saatchi may have to lower its terms on offer they would pay price even further.

The McCaffrey management had difficulty in raising bank finance for the deal and is therefore asking Saatchi to help finance the buyout.

trend with other Saatchi firms trying to obtain similar terms from the troubled advertising

McCaffrey generates about This year Saatchi agreed to not expected to generate much \$303 million in revenue but sell Peterson, its Chicago more than £30 million.

to reach agreement on a man-duce new business in recent management at a loss. Saatchi paid \$116 million for the firm intee years aro dui received 32 million from the sale, though it is to be followed by further payments of \$20 million over ten years.

Hay Group, for which Saatchi paid \$130 million, was sold to its partners for less than \$80 million.

Saatchi had honed to cut its elp finance the buyont. debt mountain by raising £100
This deal may well set a million from the sale of its consultancies. But analysts reckon that the group has managed to raise only about £50 million, with further sales

BP to sell Dutch subsidiary

By OUR CITY STAFF BP is seeking offers for its exploration and production interests in the Netherlands.

The company said yesterday that it had invited "a small number of companies' to bid for BP Exploratie, which has interests in 23 offshore blocks or part-blocks with net acreage of 1,670 sq km and two onshore areas with net acreage of 1,374 sq km. The sale is being handled by Kleinwort Benson. Offers of about £50 million are

anticipated. John Browne, chief executive officer of BP Exploration, said: "The proposed sale is in line with our recent review of worldwide activities and future strategic direction, which involves greater concentration on our core producing assets and frontier Exploratie's interests in BP's share of remaining review.



clude stakes in four producing gas fields, which currently yield a net share of 14 million cubic feet of gas a day to BP. Another two gas fields are under development, including the onshore field of Waalwijk, which together with two additional discoveries will increase BP's daily net production to

proven reserves is currently estimated at 76 billion cubic feet, and the company said there was significant potential for growth from both undeveloped discoveries and exploration.

UK oil and gas companies believed to be interested in BP's Dutch assets include Clyde Petroleum, which already owns 5 per cent of the huge Kilda gasfield, and earlier this year paid \$3.72 million for Triton Europe's sole remaining interests in the Netherlands sector of the North Sea.

BP also announced vesterday that offers would be considered for its 50 per cent interest in an onshore oilfield at Welton, near Lincoln, which is now being valued by independent consultants. The proposed move of 100 BP staff from Newark, Nottingham-17 million cubic feet of gas. shire, to Lincoln is also under

Goodman gives food for thought



The sale by Larry Goodman (above), the Irish food magnate, of his 9 per cent stake in Unigate has turned the investment spotlight on to Berisford International, in which he holds a 13.1 per cent stake and which analysts suggest could have greater potential. Meanwhile, Unigate still has its City followers.

PowerGen flotation still on the cards

By MARTIN WALLER

THE government and Hanson were continuing their megaphone negotiations yesterday as the final deadline for a bid for PowerGen from the industrial conglomerate neared. with suggestions from the government side that an offer of £1.4 billion would not be acceptable. This follows reports from

Hanson over the weekend that it might not come up with the £1.5 billion the government had initially hoped for. The government is now

implying, although it will not tie its hands by saying so formally, that a lower bid might mean the abandonment of a trade auction of

Officially, if no suitable Hanson bid is forthcoming by this Friday the government must revert to its original intention to float the company, along with its larger rival National Power, next

Any such flotation could be marred by the suggestion that one of the companies on offer had aiready been rejected by

The alternative, if an acceptable offer from Hanson does not emerge, is to con-tinue with a trade sale, inviting bids from other parties. including the PowerGen management, which has already implied it is keen to continue down the buyout route come what may. But a decision to go for a trade sale anyway could prove politically embarrassing, in that it would require yet another abrupt shift in government

Meanwhile, sources at PowerGen were keen to play down reports of a rift between its chairman. Robert Malpas. and the chief executive, Ed Wallis, who is arranging the management buyout.

As a non-executive director, Mr Malpas is not permitted to take part in any scheme to bring in outside investors and give the management and staff a 10 per cent stake in the business. But there is thought to be no reason why he should not take his place as chairman of the board once any MBO is

Opec refuses Saudi appeal for an emergency session

By Martin Barrow

leum Exporting Countries has prices moved sharply ahead. surplus capacity to take refused Saudi Arabia's appeal for an emergency session to discuss increases in oil production to offset the loss of November contract up 49 four million barrels a day cents to \$26.57. from Iraq and Kuwait.

to produce another two million barrels a day in addition to the existing Opec quota of achieve a compromise. Opec largest Soviet republic, would 5.5 million barrels. The move is likely to be Algeria said consultation Petroleum Exporting Coun-

supported by Venezuela and would take place with selected tries to help co-ordinate the United Arab Emirates, oil ministers before the end of production and prices, a Rusfor about 800,000 barrels a

But it will anger Baghdad, which has warned Saudi Arabia that all oil production facilities would become military targets if they defied

The Saudis' stance initially eased supply fears and appeared to relieve pressure on

THE Organisation of Petro- the increasing tension and oil most Opec members lack the Opec said that Saudi Arabia

> emergency meeting. However, capacity. president Sadek Boussena of

Most Opec states are reluctant to increase production at a time when they are benefitting from higher oil prices, claiming that Western nations should instead begin to draw down on their substantial oil

Fear of retaliation by Iraq is another significant factor behind the reluctance of Gulf oil prices. But in later trading states to support Saudi Arabia. markets again responded to But the main reason is that

stocks.

In London, October Brent advantage of higher quotas. traded 43 cents above Friday's Iran, which shares Iraq's longclose at \$27.55, with the term oil price aims, is estimated to be able to produce only 50,000 barrels a day in addition to its current output. Saudi Arabia now seems had failed to achieve the Indonesia could only produce certain to defy fellow Opec support of a majority of the another 20,000 barrels while members and increase output cartel's 13 members for an Algeria has no surplus

> in an apparent attempt to The Russian Federation, the like to join the Organisation of

"We are ready to join Opec as one of its members, at first nethans as an observer and in the future possibly as a full member," Russian Foreign **Economic Relations Minister** Yaroshenko Viktor said. (Reuter) · Lloyd's hull war risk pre-

miums for the Gulf have eased slightly after last week's sharp rises in anticipation of the outbreak of war in the region.

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Sheraton shares hit low of 3p

By MATTHEW BOND

SHARES in Sheraton Securities, the property developer, fell to just 3p at one point yesterday, after trading in the shares resumed following a £50 million refinancing package put together by SG

Warburg. The package involved £25 million of new bank facilities and £25 million of new equity raised through a two-for-one rights issue at 10p a share. Warburg had hoped that the shares would open at a slight premium to the 10p issue price, given that the company has stated net assets per share of 20p.

The shares opened, briefly, at 11p, but fell quickly. From their low of 3p they recovered slowly to close at 5p, valuing the company at £20 million. The nil-paid shares had a nominal value of 0.25p. More than 8.4 million shares were traded, as a few shareholders wanted to be out of property shares, regardless of cost. Sheraton's shares were suspended

in April at 36p.
On Friday Sheraton reported pre-tax losses of £44.6 million for the year to March, with trading profits hit by a £47.2 million exceptional item reflecting the reduced value of the company's developments.

In all, the company made write-offs of over £61 million. But the company also announced that it had total debts of £356 million, including £143 million of off balance sheet debt.

Analysts blamed the fall in the share price on the fact that, in the spring, the management gave no indication to shareholders that it had a debt problem. Earlier, the quotations committee of

the Stock Exchange gave permission for dealings in a nil-paid stock to proceed, despite the rights issue being conditional

on the company not defaulting on its

new bank finance during the rights issue

period. The developer was brought close to collapse by the slump in the property market following cashflow problems, which stemmed from soaring borrowings and a slowdown in sales of completed developments.

The new money raised by Warburg is supposed to give Sheraton a year to sort out its problems. Sheraton has begun a disposal programme in an effort to bring borrowings down to acceptable levels by September 1991. However, the new bank finance comes with condition attached, and any futher deterioration in the property market could prove fatal to the

company. The valuers reckon that Sheraton's portfolio will be worth £550 million on completion, of which £366 million was ascribed to development properties. It will cost Sheraton more than 1100 million to complete its development

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WALL STREET

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Fed faces a tough

decision on rates

THE Federal Reserve Board's economist David Greenlaw spending to accommodate the open market committee meets believes it is too early to read extra \$30 billion they will something into the failure to have to pay for more expendifficult sessions to consider appoint a new deputy. "It's sive oil, recession seems cernot as though they haven't had other things on their mind inflation is stuck at a core rate lately," he said.

span, the Fed chairman, to cut market last month by cutting is too high the federal funds rate, the key the fed funds rate from 8.25 The dol interbank overnight lending per cent to 8 per cent, the first cut since January. But latest cent to help avoid a recession. statistics, especially the June At the same time the White quarter GNP figure showing House has made no progress only a 1.2 per cent growth in on cutting a 1991 Federal the economy, have vindicated rising budget deficit which is ap-

per cent of GNP, including the mist at First Boston, believes seven years, showed strong cost of the savings and loan the Fed is biased towards bailout and the effects of the cutting rates, but will not act immediately. "It's an awkward decision and the more viously held firm against such awkward decisions are the in the Fed who do not want a pressure as inflation is still more committees tend to put running at between 4.5 and 5 off decisions," he said.

The balance, as ever, is be-There is added pressure on tween cutting inflation and him as his term as chairman avoiding recession. The diffiruns out next year and the culty is that Wall Street expects GNP to grow by just 0.3 per cent in the second half, so recession is close after 71/2 signed on August 3. Mr years of growth. Oil prices above \$25 a barrel are estimated to cut 0.5 per cent off policy and the Morgan Stanley GNP and if consumers cut to this level.

The DAX index ended

Prices rose on short-covering

in early trade, but the DAX

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● Sydney - The Australian

share market finished slightly

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tain. At the same time US between 4.5 and 5 per cent Mr Greenspan surprised the which Mr Greenspan believes

> The dollar is trading at record lows against the mark, mainly because American interest rates are not attractive to foreign buyers, with rates in West Germany and Japan

The June trade deficit of Dr Neil Soss, chief econo- \$5.06 billion, the lowest for exports and weak import demand, but on balance indicated there was life left in the economy. This will belp those cut in rates. A lower dollar would also boost exports.

With congressional elections at the end of this year President Bush does not want

a recession at any cost. Salomon Brothers expect American interest rates to end the year at 7.5 per cent and the usus on Wall Street is that Mr Greenspan will wait until later in the year to move



Expanding Argos: chief executive Mike Smith, left, and chairman David Donne

Argos results 24% ahead

to 3,23p and the group de-

clared a 2p maiden dividend.

The group is taking advan-

MIKE Smith, chief executive pre-tax profits for the six tage of the sluggish property of Argos, the catalogue remonths to June 16 up by 24.2 market to speed up its expantailer, said the likelihood of per cent to £14.9 million. sion plans. Dr Smith said the interest rates falling had been lessened by events in the Gulf. "Any effect is likely to be negative." he said (Gillian Bowditch writes).

Argos yesterday reported

STOCK MARKET Early rise in Dow | Dealers keep close watch on oil price as shares continue to slide

Turnover rose by 16.5 per cent group could be interested in

to £311.6 million. Taxed earn- some Lowndes Queensway

ings per share rose from 2.63p sites. Argos shares rose 1p to

LONDON remained preoccu pied with the Middle East, with shares moving steadily lower throughout the day. However, many dealers now believe that London is close to fully discounting events so far in the Gulf.

A close eye was kept on the price of oil, following the weekend statement from the Saudi Arabian authorities that the country planned to increase oil production by about 2 million barrels per day, replacing half the production lost since Iraq's invasion of Kuwait

Despite the Saudi commitment to increase production with, or as became clearer vesterday, without the agreement of Opec, oil prices rose and by the time the stock market closed, the price of October Brent had risen to around \$27.30 in London, But that is still some way short of the \$30 a barrel that has been deemed to be of economic significance.

London's preoccupation modestly encouraging money supply figures were ignored. The figures showed M0 growing at an annual rate of 5.5 per cent, in line with City expectain borrowing by the personal sector was only £3.9 billion. against expectations of £5

By the time these figures came out, the London market was already anticipating a strong pound, but finished off weak opening on Wall Street. Haif an hour before Wall Street's official opening, the FT-SE 100 index was 28 points below its opening level, in expectation of an opening an already weak dollar, have

BRITISH AIRWAYS Further fall on fuel Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug

fall of about 25 points. However, on this occasion London fear's about Wall Street proved unfounded. London continued to track the American market for the rest of the

The FT-SE 100 eventually closed 20.3 lower at 2,156.6. The FT-30 feli 19.4 to 1,659.5

with international affairs was Having dropped 5p on Friday, Coats Viyella, the textile group, amply demonstrated when fell another 5p to 96p yesterday. Khaleeq Taimuri, an analyst at from £120 million to £115 million, reflecting depressed trading conditions and the strength of sterling. Close to 70 per cent of the company's operating profits are earned overseas.

tions. However, the increase as 350 million shares were traded. Shares were also about £50 million, so the fall helped by the September FT- in the share price was more a SE 100 index contract trading reflection of uncertainties at a premium to fair value on the futures market.

Gilts were boosted by the their best with gains of about a quarter of a point. International investors are concerned that the American Federal Reserve may, despite

about the worth of BP and Shell's reputed find in the Gulf of Mexico. Shell dropped

3p to 490p.

to cut interest rates in an

attempt to stop the American

Going the other way, however, were Enterprise Oil, up 12p at 652p; Lasmo, up 11p at 478p, and Ranger Oil, 5p better at 379p. Ultramar rose 7p to 357p.

oil prices was British Airways, which fell 4.5p to 167p, amid continuing concern about the impact that higher aviation fuel prices could have on the company. Having eased their way lower in July, the shares have now fallen more than 30p since Iraq invaded Kuwait. Following Friday's news

On the wrong end of the rise in

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that Asil Nadir, the chairman, had abandoned his plans to take Polly Peck private, shares in the fresh fruit to electronics group fell 17p to 307p.

The property sector continued its lively run, as it digested the weekend's news that Rockfort had gone into administration rather than liquidation and that Sheraton economy moving into rec- Securities was to return to the market after being suspended

Individual oil stocks were in April at 36p. strong. BP dropped 7.5p to After opening briefly at a penny premium to the 10p 368.5p on the news that it was seeking a buyer for its Dutch rights issue price, the shares exploration and production fell quickly to 3p as more than businesses. The activities are 8 million shares were traded. By the close they had recovered to 5p, valuing the company at £20 million. at its March year-end it h total debts of over £3

> Shares in Speyhawk ro group. Fuelling the specul

> > MATTHEW BON

Gulf tension hits confidence in

SHARES closed down and session. Gulf tension reduced cent, to 26,490.47, just off the Hong Kong - The Hang research manager at Scrim

and selling by arbitrageurs 542.83 points, or 1.99 per and weakness in other Asian trial index plunged to close kept the index sandwiched in cent, last week.

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said a trader at Sanyo Securinear their lows after a thin 296.25 points, or 1.11 per million.

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over was 200 million shares ties. The Nikkei index slid compared with Friday's 300 last week in other Asia

confidence and kept major day's low of 26,456.09.

Seng index closed sharply geour Vickers.

The index lost 762.72 points lower in reaction to New Singapore — The widely sharply geour Vickers. markets, dealers said.

relatively narrow range, "Volume is pitiful. Very The Hang Seng fell 69.8 as share prices tumbled across rokers said.

"It's a typical blue Monday can push the market either at 3,052.84. "Hong Kong's 33.41 points from Friday's sharp fall was merely a belated close of 1,314.13.

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RECENT ISSUES

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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Profits warning at Bridport-Gundry

BRIDPORT-Gundry, the netting and specialist textiles. company, which made a £1.04 million pre-tax profit last year, has given warning of "materially" lower profits for the year to

The company said it had been affected by exposure to defence and commercial fishing, and by difficulties in disposing of properties. Margins in definite operations had been "scriously croded" in the second half.

Bridport is responding to the downturn by building up its civil aviation business. Last year, about 15 per cent of sales were to the defence sector. The company is suffering from higher than expected gearing, despite reducing borrowings. The shares fell 2p to 71p.

Germans lift TI holding

THE German engineering group Mannesmann has increased its stake in TI Group by almost 1 per cent to just under 6 per cent. The increase is in line with Mannesmann's previously stated intention to increase its TI stake to 9.9 per cent through market purchases from time to time, a TI

McInerney rights success

McINERNEY Properties. the Dublin-based building civit engineering and property development company, has successfully completed its Ir£7.3 million (£6.5 million) rights issue, with \$8.8 per cent of the 36,812,172 new ordinary shares taken up. The balance of 4,125,120 new shares were placed in the market at 21.25p each.

Allied Insurance soars

PRE-TAX profits for the six months to end-June were up-31 per cent to £1.01 million from last year's £761,000 at Allied Insurance Brokers Group, the USM-quoted niche insurance company. Turnover increased 28 per cent to £3.6 million and the interim dividend is raised from 1p to 1.5p.

The group balance sheet was strengthened by the sale of the 75 per cent stake in the construction insurance besiness Senior Wright to management, increasing net assets by £400,000. The sale has left the group with nil gearing. The chairman, Nigel Cayzer, said there had been strong growth in all the company's business sectors and he felt wery. confident" about the group's future.

IEP increases Field lands

Budgens, the British supermarket chain, from 14.1 per cent to 15.54 per cent. IEP said it bought 1.25 million Budgens shares in the market, which has brought its total holding to 13.6

Budgens stake £100m order

Hong Kong's Industrial Equity (Pacific), said it had design and make interiors increased its holding in for the new Jetstream, 41 aircraft has been awarded by British Aerospace to Field Aircraft, a subsidiary of Hunting, the petroleum, defrace and engineering group, BAe holds orders and options for more than 100,

Cooper clawback

SHAREHOLDERS in Frederick Copper, the industrial holding company, clawed back just 7.75 per cent of the 13.58 million new shares conditionally placed by Chasterhouse Bank with institutional investors to help fund two acquisitions worth a total of £10.2 million.

Existing shares have fallen from 90p to 73p, against the placing price of 81p, since the acquisitions were announced iast month, when the company forecast that profits for the year ending July 31 would full from £8.7 million before the to £4.6 million. The acquisition of Group Sales, a distributor of door and window fittings, and Beaver Architectural frommongery is expected to be completed tomorrow.

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lower growth of bank lending and money supply is now a firmly established trend and shows that, in this part of the economy at least, the antiinflation policy is working well The July figures were particularly good for special reasons but are clearly not a flash in the pan. The trend is so clear that some City economists are - perhaps too optimistically - looking forward to a cut in the long-standing 15 per cent base rate in the next two or three months.

The rise in bank lending in July was the lowest monthly figure since August 1988, partly due to a round of destocking by retailers as well as low personal lending. More significantly, the 12-month rate of growth in bank lending, at 17.6 per cent, is the lowest since June 1986 and there are no special factors in that. Likewise, M4, the wider measure including building society deposits, was helped last month when investors in privatised water companies paid the second instalment on their shares. But there is an underlying downtrend.

Bank lending slows down at last

status of a lagging indicator, but in that role is showing an encouraging downward progression. Annualised growth over the past six months is well below that over 12 months and growth in the past quarter is negligible. There is a good chance that, in August, annual M0 growth will come within the 1-5 per cent growth target set in the 1988 Budget for the first time, apart from the freak strike-affected figure in September last year.

If only monetary policy were about watching the aggregates and making sure bank lending came under control, housebuyers could be fairly confident that their mortgage interest rate might come down in a couple of months' time. But that is no longer the case.

To start with, inflation has gained its own momentum through pay increases, which had certainly become the principal M0 may now be reduced to the inflation further up until the

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uncertainties over oil. Monetary policy is therefore as much aimed wage bargainers as at squeezing credit.

Long-term . policy is also in the throes of a great recasting.

The monetary and publicfinance targets of the mediumterm financial strategy had outlived much of their practical use and will shortly become merely the dignified part of the government's policy framework. This will switch to fixing sterling against the mark. Both the Treasury and the Bank of England seem determined to run the risk of recession and make the maximum initial impact on the public mind by entering the EMS exchange rate mechanism at a high level.

would get quite the wrong idea if

interest rates were to be cut before entry, unless 12-month growth in M0 were right at the bottom end of its target range, To anti-inflation them, the government has spoken tough and acted soft too often.

John Major is therefore likely to disappoint party supporters who would like him to cut interest rates around the time of the autumn party conference. Oddly, in terms of straightforward economic management, that might well be exactly the right thing to do.

No sale at BT

rumour that government plans to sell its remaining holding in Foreign exchange markets British Telecom before the next election has, Rasputin-like, failed

to lie down despite any amount of bludgeoning from supposedlyinvolved parties. Kleinwort Benson, the merchant bank reportedly already courting interested institutions both at home and overseas, professes total and convincing ignorance. The Department of Trade and Industry says it is pure speculation; the Treasury knows

nothing of it. Two parties look set to gain if the rumour is true. The Conservative party would like to remove BT, and as much of the rest of the state apparatus as possible, from Labour's grasp, should disaster strike at the next

Currently the slim majority in the public's hands could be overturned relatively cheaply by Labour with the purchase of 2 per cent of BT in the market. Meanwhile the BT board would love to see the end of any tie with Whitehall.

The rumour has one positive

factor in its favour. The forthcoming duopoly review of the telecommunications market by Oftel, which will seal BT's future, could easily be completed by next summer.

All other factors seem to weigh against a sale. There are three other privatisations in the pipeline over the next year. March is ruled out by the Budget; September is the earliest possible target date, but BT would be in danger of getting its wires entangled with an impending election.

There is a half-way house, an institutional placing of perhaps half the government's stake, which could take place any time next summer or autumn. But there are no indications the government needs the money that desperately.

So BT can hold the line. An election won, and a sale could cash in on the ensuing market euphoria; a lost election, and BT is the last of the Conservatives' problems.

BT shares therefore look like remaining for some time to come an opinion poll stock par

THE Monopolies and Mergers Commission today delivers to Peter Lilley, the trade secretary, its recommendations in the latest brush between

government and the beerage. It will be pronouncing on the pubs and breweries swap deal put together by Grand Metropolitan and Elders IXL, the Australian owner of the Courage brewing and pub

The deal is complex and some concessions have already been on offer. More are likely to have been added in discussions with the MMC. Its main options are to block the deal, let it through because the concessions are sufficient, or hold it up temporarily, subject to review.

This last option would allow time to see the effects of the changes that are being made as a result of the MMC's main report on beer supply. That has resulted in the big brewers being faced with a cutback in the number of pubs they can have while they also remain brewers.

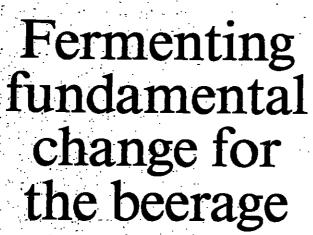
There could be another element in that option. The single European market is approaching, with the European Commission due to consider in 1997 the future of ties that, until then, will be allowed between brewers and retail outlets.

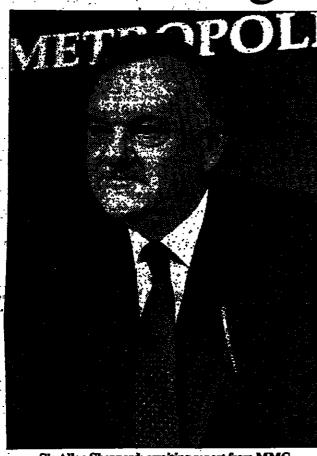
There is likely to be open competition by the turn of the century when, to compete in a pan-European market, Britain will probably need at least one beer group that is more powerful than either Bass, currently Britain's biggest brewer, or GrandMet and Courage com-

The MMC appeared to make its views on market shares clear when the Elders bid for Scottish & Newcastle Breweries was blocked.

The MMC said: "The creation of a new group that together with Bass would control over 40 per cent of the supply of beer would, in present market conditions, be expected to be anti-compet-

This was before the MMC's watershed report on beer supply, so it could have been considering the likely effects of that - although its original proposals were watered down





Sir Allen Sheppard: awaiting report from MMC

If the MMC remains disturbed about two large brew-

that barrier.

with the industry - as well as multiplicity of regional and looking ahead to the European local brewers, Britain has a review and market develop- fragmented market compared with much of Europe.

Heineken in the Netherlands, Carlsberg in Denmark ers having 40 per cent or more and BSN's Kronenbourg in Busch to Carlsberg, with of the British beer market then France each has more than Bass, at about 23 per cent, and half of its domestic market. Courage, probably ending up Anheuser-Busch has about 42 with 18 per cent, would break per cent of the American in Europe. market. Molson has more Yet, with the exception of than half the domestic market government negotiations the German market, with its in Canada. Each of the three

leading mainland European companies is a well-known brand name in Britain. Carlsberg, which has a brewery at Northampton, is known to be keen on increasing its

brewing capacity in Britain. Whether GrandMet, led by Sir Allen Sheppard, the chairman, and Courage, with Michael Foster, the managing director, at the helm, have been prepared to make concessions that would produce a market share lower than 40 per cent remains to be seen.

The bare bones of the Courage-GrandMet deal are that GrandMet would bow out of brewing by selling its four breweries to Courage. Courage and GrandMet pubs would largely go to Inntrepreneur Estates, a new company, which after disposals would end up with about 7,000 pubs. This would be a joint ven-

ture between Courage and GrandMet, with the latter managing it on a day-to-day GrandMet would also still

run about 1,700 pubs, nearly a third of them leased from Inntrepreneur.

Originally the intention was that Courage would have a ten-year deal to supply beer to the Inntrepreneur outlets, to be renewable after that. A concession was offered to bring the main period back to five years with a reduction of 10 per cent a year over the following five years.

ion could centre on areas where pub concentration would be high after putting together Courage and Grand-Met interests. This points to substantial

Another possible concess-

scaling down of pub ownership in the Southeast, especially greater London, and much of the Southwest.

If the MMC still throws out the deal, or pushes it to the back burner, it looks likely that Sir Allen will look to sell off GrandMet's breweries elsewhere, possibly in a series of deals. The suitors could be numerous, from Anheusermaybe even some Japanese interest, given at least Kirin's declared intention to expand

> DEREK HARRIS Industrial Editor

TEMPUS Argos displays its quality

LESS than five months after its stock market debut, at 202p a share, Argos is already established as a quality retailsector stock, worthy of mention in the same breath as Marks and Spencer.

The better than expected interim results help justify the reputation. Pre-tax profits for the six months to June rose by 24.2 per cent to £14.9 million on turnover up 16.5 per cent to £311.6 million, lifting fully taxed earnings per share from 2.63p to 3.23p, and permitting a maiden dividend of 2p.

Prior to flotation, Argos had been part of the BAT empire but had been managed autonomously. The only visible sign of its weaning from BAT is a £600,000 extraordinary demerger charge.

Trading profit rose by just 11.2 per cent to £10.1 million in the first half but interest receivable soared by 64.9 per cent to £4.8 million despite a £30 million annual capital expenditure programme. This was due to higher interest rates and deferral of a dividend navment to BAT.

The tax charge has jumped from £1.22 million to £5.35 million as the group no longer benefits from BAT group tax

Like-for-like sales growth increased 9.1 per cent with consumer electricals, toys, furniture and sports goods particularly strong. The company benefits from a large product mix, a wide geo-been a poor performer and is graphical spread and the down to 188p from a year's perception of it as a value-formoney retailer.

Argos will open 20 stores in the second half. Eight stores Unigate was probably the one were opened during the first most easily sold. The fact that dinary acquisition-led growth six months and seven others the stake was so readily strategy has increased the

were refurbished. Thirteen snapped up by institutions number of hotels under its will be refurbished in the second half.

Sales have started buoyantly in the second half and early results from new-catalogue sales are encouraging. The group is expected to make £77 million in the full year, putting the shares, 1p firmer at 230p on the results, on a prospec-tive p/e ratio of 13.8. Given Argos's excellent record, the shares make a sensible addition to any growth portfolio.

Unigate

LARRY Goodman's sale of his 9 per cent holding removes what bid fever there was attached to Unigate's shares and leaves them to be assessed more or less on their fundamentals.

The sale proceeds, amounting to about £58 million, could be useful ammunition for Mr Goodman's next "sight". They will prove equally useful as cash in the bank, which under current circumstances is probably what suits Mr Goodman best.

His 13.1 per cent stake in troubled Berisford International is running up paper losses of well over £50 million, while the current conditions in the Gulf suggest his Iraqi beef trading operations will be less robust from here on, even though he was paid cash up front for deliveries. His Irishquoted Food Industries has peak of 325p.

Of his portfolio interests,

speaks volumes for City thoughts that while Unigate has its short-term problems, there is investment hope yet.

Unigate's non-food interests generate 25 per cent of profits and are not the flavour of the month.

In the year to end-March, Unigate turned in pre-tax profits of £105.5 million, but that was with the help of £12.7 million of property profits taken above the line. Such property sums are unlikely to be repeated this time round. This year, Unigate could make £106 million, to put the shares at 294p on a prospective rating of 9.3 backed by a yield of 7.5

But Mr Goodman's loss is other investors' gain. Yield attractions, and high hopes of the new management strucfrom the Kellogg group moves in as chief executive in October, make Unigate a firm hold in City eyes.

Resort Hotels

THERE was a time when double-digit earnings growth could be achieved quite simply by issuing paper to finance streams of acquisitions, allowing the booming economy and the buil market do the rest. With the right formula, it seems, it can still work, at least in the short term.

Resort Hotels, the Brightonbased former BES issue now with a main market quotation. Mr Goodman's holding in It was floated on the USM in 1988, and through an extraor-

management since then from five to 30.

Capital expenditure last year, when the company made £3.62 million pre-tax, was £25 million. Yet year-end gearing is still only 27 per cent. Two chunky rights issues provided the funding for the deals. Shareholders clearly believe Resort can deliver the goods.

Yesterday's figures show that, so far, they have done just that. Even on a tax charge eight percentage points higher than last year, earnings are ahead 17 per cent at 1.85p. And with its current stock of underdeveloped properties acquired over the past year, earnings growth should be sustainable through to 1991.

But with a tax charge rising each year as the fiscal advantages of its BES origins unwind, Resort has to generate earnings growth even to stand still. To produce the sort of returns shareholders are looking for, Resort will sooner or later have to hit the acquisition trail again, preferably buying plenty of capital allowances in the process. In the meantime, management contracts provide a steady income stream without

putting equity at risk. Until the next big push, Resort has a lot going for it. Its portfolio of three-star hotels has benefited from trading down in the business market and from the trend back

Forecasts of just over £5 million for next year put Resort on a cheap prospective p/e of about 7.5. The shares have never quite fulfilled their potential, so this could be a good time to buy.

BUSINESS LETTERS

Potential conflicts of interest for estate agents

From Mr Philip R. Storry Sir, I refer to the corres-

gust 14) concerning the potential conflict of interest in estate agents acting for a vendor on the sale of property and the purchaser in arranging a mortgage and linked endowment policy.

that, if for no other reason,

surely such an arrangement should be forbidden? Solicitors are subject to restrictions on acting for both undestrable practice to disparties, but I wonder whether criminate against a pros-the public are fully aware that pective purchaser where the in those cases where their solicitors arrange the mortgage and endowment policy.

Solicitors, Newgate Walk, The Precinct, Chester.

From the president of the National Association of Estate

Sir, The letter from Robert Foster (August 7) struck a chord. There are draft regula-tions, soon to be considered by Parliament, which will require estate agents to disclose at the outset to the seller whether or not they will offer, or intend to offer, any services including financial services to prospective purchasers.

It is also proposed that from January 1, 1991, it will be an unlikely to be, providing other services to him.

client for it in the absence of an agreement to the contrary.

bids for a property when there are not and failing to disclose personal interests in writing. David Hughes & Co,

estate agent is not, or is

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will subject the estate agent to a warning or banning order by the director general of fair trading. My association strongly supports these pro-

posals. Estate agents act in the best interests of the seller, and one of those interests is to chaser has the financial ability to purchase. If the law were to forbid the seller's agent from assisting the buyer, then the seller could be seriously disadvantaged.

Under the new proposals, the seller may instruct his agent not to offer any services to a buyer and a buyer will not be pressurised to take out services offered by the estate

I have the honour to be. Sir. Your obedient servant, HUGH DUNSMORE-HARDY.

President, The National Asso-

Sir, As inflation continues. there is no let up in the junk mail from banks offering loans. The latest "Barclayloan environmental special" particularly nauseating. It form for a loan wrapped up in ensure that the proposed pur- a "competition" offering a parsimonious £! to the Wood-

signed. This is a blatant use of

the environmental cachet to

further disreputable loan poli-

cies. There is no environment-

Inflationary

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a) advantage in a bank loan which increases consumption and aggravates inflation. The avaricious activities of the banks are so patently against the national interest that the government and Bank of England should act against them now.

Yours faithfully, R.A.C. HILL, The Saplings, Highleigh, Sidlesham, Chichester, West Sussex.

to employees throughout the industry", but he should for-get it. This has gone down like public service electricity in- ating and Scottish companies a lead balloon. If he really wants to encourage employee share ownership he should back our proposals, now supported by PowerGen management, for a mangement/ employee buyout instead, as ment actively to try to frus-

> While Mr Wakeham, who is a likeable man, is not responsible for the sorry mess that privatisation of electricity has become, he is responsible for the mess over the sale of PowerGen. My advice to him is not to try to blame the unions for it, for that will not wash, but to extricate himself (and PowerGen) as quickly as

Yours truly, JOHN LYONS,

The power of love

THE energy department popular music." would hardly be a typical setting for a Mills & Boon romance, but it was, nevertheless, where City economist Jeffrey Thompson met his wife, Margaret. "It's all very boring," says Thompson, aged 43, with customary cynicism. *But I was on secondment to the department at the time." Thompson was initially an economic adviser to the British embassies in New Delhi and, later, Amman, in Jordan. in the Seventies, before being seconded to the energy depart-ment from 1978-84. While his wife went on to become an assistant secretary, and is advising on the privatisation of the electricity distribution companies in November, Thompson left to join BZW, where he became chief equity strategist. He has now been poached by Lehman Brothers, an American firm. In his new job he has become a pan-European strategist, which will incorporate the United Kingdom. "This is something most London-based houses don't do very well. I intend to in London and we employ 250 do it extremely well," says Thompson, adding that be-cause of "piddling volumes" it was no longer viable to concentrate on the UK alone. A graduate of Magdalen College. Oxford - he gained a first in

I'm not at all interested in

A FESTIVAL of American films in the southern state of Virginia has released details of

Eastward ho

THE Singaporean broking firm Kim Eng Securities, which is expanding its overseas presence, has recruited three British-based members of the Far Eastern equity sales team at Smith New Court, and one from New York. Chan Kengloke, resident in New York, and David Pirkis, Michael Hughes and Tan Juinn Wen, all operating from London, resigned from Smith New Court a week ago. They will be replaced by both internal and external candidates. "It is not that significant," says Philip-Kay, head of Smith's Far Eastern desk. "To put it in perspective, we have nearly 20 salesmen covering the Pacific side of the business people in Pacific broking worldwide."

No bed of roses

A PR's job is not all massaging clients' egos, as the chaps at City & Commercial will tell PPE — he was a pupil at Quarry Bank High School, Merseyside, the school attended, he says, by two of the Beatles. "I think I was there at

Lennon, but I can't remember ship last week. After a hectic which one the other one was. time fielding questions on the collapsed company, Paul Taylor and Hugh Sharp, of C&C, had an even more harrowing weekend. For several of the closed Queensway stores had posted their home telephone its opening choice, a 1924 numbers on the shop doors silent epic starring Douglas and they were inundated with Fairbanks: The Thief of calls from customers. Those calls included one from a woman whose wedding is next

> delivery of a double bed. IN VICTORIA, Australia. a radio programme host ran a competition among listeners to suggest a new name for Kuwait if its "annexation" to Iraq were to become permanent. The winning entry, suggested

week. She is still awaiting the

by an Egyptian, was . . . Irate. Game of the name AS PIPEMAKER Accles & Barry Pearl, the director in Pollock recognised a few years ago, having a funny name can lead to a lot of humorous tongue-twisting. So much so that the company turned the ida, to say that he too was a confusion to its advantage by using some of the sillier variations, such as Hackles & Rollocks and Winkles & Scollop, in an advertising campaign. Now Newman, Birts & Pearl, aged 55, anxious to put Partners, a City-based financial adviser, is facing a similar that his holiday was improvproblem. "We get called all sorts of different things," says Bob Newman, the chairman ranging from Newman Burst, Birds and Burkes to Barts and

the same time as John group that went into receiver- now offering a magnum of Krug champagne to the City Diary reader who can dream up the funniest variation.

> Newberry service A SERVICE of thanksgiving for the life and work of Michael Newberry, former deputy city editor of the Sunday Express, and one of the most popular bon viveurs

in the Square Mile, will be

held at St Bride's. Fleet Street,

at noon next Tuesday. Grandfather figure TERRY Wood, the gilt-edged

salesman at Sheppards, who was identified in last week's City Diary as possibly the only grandfather still working in the gilt market, is, it seems, not alone after all. After scouring his favourite column, albeit two or three days late. charge of small gilt marketmaking at UBS Phillips & Drew, telephoned me from his holiday home in Miami, Florgrandfather - twice over. "I became a grandfather three years ago, but I don't think there are any more of us anywhere else," quipped the record straight. He added ing daily, as the pound strengthened against the dollar. "The pound being at \$1.90 makes a tremendous difference," he said, en route for

CAROL LEONARD

his palm-fringed swimming

Yours faithfully, P.R. STORRY.

pondence (August 7 and Au-

The most ominous aspect of that, in my experience, is that some estate agents have pressured vendors to accept unrealistically low offers from the purchaser of a property because they would lose considerable commission on arranging the endowment policy if the sale fell through. For

From the general secretary of the Engineers' and Managers' Sir, That Mr John Wakeham [energy secretary] should reply on July 30 to my article on July 26 suggests that what I wrote then went near to the

PowerGen 'mess'

My article expressed the view (which I believe is widely shared) that the government has made a terrible mess of privatising a great and efficient public industry. Mr Wakeham replied by accusing me of nostalgia, which I thought was rather beside the point. He knows very well that the trade unions in the industry have faced up to the fact that the government has the support of Parliament in proceeding with privatisation and have spent no time in seeking to recreate the public service industry we had, good

though it was. In October 1987, Mr Cecil

Parkinson [then energy sec- ation should be able to domiretary] was able to boast to the nate any of the new compan-House of Commons that our ies; in the case of the generdustry had tariffs which were "the lowest in Europe". If that is also "nostalgia" a lot of people will share it, for Mr is simply a repudiation of his Wakeham is unable to make own government's policy. any such claim today. Nor will And, since we have been as-

as a result of privatisation. everything ... said in Parlwere never ruled out".

That really is scraping the barrel. When we met Mr Parklimit any one shareholder to a smoothly. 15 per cent stake was to ensure

this was a timeless concept. Mr Wakeham's interest in

he be able to forecast when, or sured that a public sale is still a of now, allowing his departeven if, our electricity prices serious option, what on earth will again occupy that position for? Hanson has absolutely no track record in running a tech-Mr Wakeham justified his nologically advanced major decision to encourage the public utility, let alone one Hanson bid for PowerGen commanding one third of our with the statement that "while power supplies. For what purpose can Mr Wakeham be iament ... assumed a public contemplating putting any flotation of the companies . . . outside organisation with no other means of privatisation experience of running a major generating utility in charge of it? All he has succeeded in doing is dropping a large moninson in May 1988, he made it key-wrench into his own plans absolutely clear that his un- which, up to then, had been dertaking to Parliament to going along relatively

Mr Wakeham refers to his "attractive special share offer Chertsey, Surrey.

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Another way of giving legal aid

Seventies, were meant to serve the "un-met legal needs of the underprivileged". People deterred by the cost and image of private practice solicitors could attend a community law centre, in informal surroundings, where advice on questions affecting the underprivileged could be answered.

The law centres did not have an easy ride, however. The private profession, which was fulfilling some of that need through the legal aid scheme, was unhappy about groups of publicly funded lawyers providing what it said was "a lower-quality service", and taking away some of their work.

A law centre, therefore, could exist only if it was granted a waiver by the Law Society. This would allow the centre to break the society's no-touting rules and let them advertise their work and location. The centre lawyers, in return, had to promise not to encroach on areas that provided the bread and butter, and some of the jam, of the private profession. This meant they could not be involved in adult crime, or family law, apart from emergency applications, or property matters in general, including conveyancing.

LEGAL BRIEF

With the traditional work barriers easing

between lawyers.

Avrom Sherr suggests

that law centres could move into

wider specialities

Most centres and their lawyers were content with these strictures. They were not the areas of law in which they wanted to practise. The system worked fairly well. The private practitioners could go on with their areas of work without competing with lawyers paid a salary from local or central government or charitable sources. Further, the private prac-titioners were surprised when they found that the presence of a law centre, instead of diminishing the flow of work, tended to encourage

more referrals of cases that might

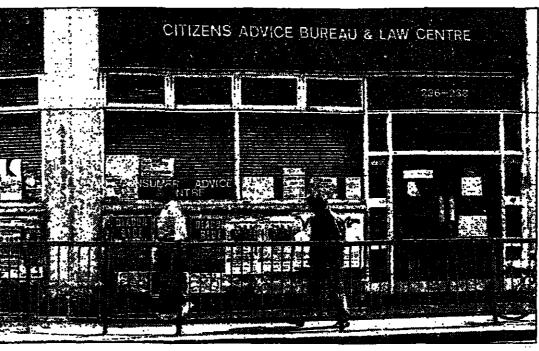
The environment has, however,

changed. Old monopolies have begun to disappear. Conveyancing was liberalised to include licensed conveyancers in 1986 and the courts and legal services bill, now ready for royal assent, will allow banks and building societies to join in.

The old rules against touting and advertising also disappeared in 1986 and have been liberalised twice since then. Waivers, at least for this purpose, are probably not now necessary. Law centre social workers may be able to acquire rights of audience under the bill, and "para-legals" — people who specialise in legal work, but who are not solicitors — may be able to carry out probate work.

Legal aid work and its funding have also changed incomparably since 1970, and only half the number of people eligible for legal aid then are eligible now. The work is less well-paid and, therefore, much less attractive to private practitioners.

Some kinds of legal aid work are also about to be contracted out by a new legal aid board. The old marcation lines have gone and it is open season on work and



A law centre in east London: is the present system the best way to offer the public legal aid?

client hunting for all lawyers. It is interesting to see the recent suggestion by the Lord Chan-cellor, Lord Mackay of Clashfern, that young lawyers should cut their teeth on legal aid work, before working their way up to Lord Mackay is, of course, working on a barristerial model of practice life, which is very dif-

commercial and company work. ferent from conditions within the solicitors' profession. Young barristers do carry out legally aided criminal law and other cases in their early careers and some of them move on to more commercial sets of chambers, although this is not true of all barristers.

Solicitors enter articles of training with one firm in a widely differentiated profession, specialising in areas that usually service either predominantly large company and commercial clients or less wealthy individual clients and smaller businesses. It would be unusual for a lawyer trained within one increasingly specialised area to move to the other. What of the middle ground? What about people who need legal and capital limits of the legal aid scheme? Is there not a legal service that might be made available for them that they can afford? One possibility is the legal

"clinic" model of law firm in the United States, which provides specialised legal work for people of moderate means. Setting up such clinics as private practices is starting slowly in this country. The operation depends on a high turnover of cases, carried out by groups of special-

ists, of whom most will be para-

legals dealing with the more timeconsuming work of client-hand-ling. The qualified lawyers are more likely to be drafting letters and instruments that will form the basis of the multi-use package.

But what then of the career structure for lawyers who start their careers within law centres or advice services? There is little natural progression for them. Do they become poacher turned samekeeper and join the Crown Prosecution Service, or do they simply go into private practice trying to make money out of legal aid within areas similar to those covered by the law centre?

erhaps law centres should now take the chance to work within areas pre-viously denied to them. This would broaden their staff experience, provide further funding, at least from legal aid money, and present more of a set of career opportunities for those entering law centre service.

They may not decide to do conveyancing, but the old lines of demarcation have disappeared and a new set of approaches to legal services for those of fairly poor and moderate means must be worked through.

Whether or not the Lord Chancellor's view is either realistic or desirable, it throws light on an important set of manpower and remuneration difficulties. Our views on these need to be reworked within the boundaries of the new environment. Older approaches to familiar issues may not be relevant when the rest of the world is changing.

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Law Report August 21 1990 Court of Appeal

Guidelines for disqualifying directors after infringements of company law

In re Sevenoaks Stationers (Retail) Ltd

Before Lord Justice Dillon, Lord Justice Butler-Sloss and Lord Justice Staughton [Judgment July 31]

A court which had decided that a company director was unfit to be concerned in the management of a company and there-fore that a disqualification order was to be made against him under section 6 of the Company Directors Disqualification Act 1986, was not entitled, in fixing the length of the period of disqualification, to take into account allegations of misconduct of which the director had not been given notice.

The non-payment by a company of sums due to the Crown in respect of pay-as-you-earn, national insurance contribu-tions and value-added tax. collectively known as Crown debts, was not automatically to

unfitness of the directors. The Court of Appeal, giving guidance in the first appeal against a disqualification order which had come to that court, so stated in reserved judgments when reducing to five years a disqualification for seven years which had been imposed on Mr Michael Charles Cruddas by Mr Justice Harman on November

15, 1989. Section 6 of the 1986 Act provides: "(1) The court shall make a disqualification order against a person in any case where, on an application under this section, it is satisfied — (a) that he is or has been a director of a company which has at any time become insolvent . . . and (b) that his conduct as a director of that company (either taken alone or taken together with his conduct as a director of any other company or companies)

be regarded as evidence of cerned in the management of a Mr Alan Steinfeld, QC and Miss Julienne Walker for Mr Cruddas; Mr A. W. H. Charles

Official Receiver.

and Mr Martin Keenan for the

LORD JUSTICE DILLON said that Mr Cruddas, a chartered accountant, and a Mr Hooker, who had originally been a lorry driver, had been directors of five trading com-panies, one of which was Sevenoaks Stationers (Retail) Ltd. The companies had become insolvent and gone into liquidation, with a total net deficiency of nearly £600,000. A three-year disqualification was imposed on Mr Hooker by

Mr Registrar Buckley before Mr Cruddas's case was heard.

It followed from the provisions in the Act that if a judge was going to disqualify a person he had to be satisfied, inter alia,

that the person's conduct "[made] him unfit to be concompany". The first point taken in the appeal was that the judge had not specifically made such a finding, and therefore that the pages that order should be set aside, what-Cruddas's

shortcomings.

However, taking the judgment as a whole, there was no doubt that the judge was so satisfied.

The main point urged on the appeal was that the period of seven years was too long.
It had been argued that since
the disqualification order had been made by the judge in his discretion, the appellate court could only interfere on the grounds set out in G v G (Minors: Custody Appeal) ([1985] I WLR 647) or Hadmor

Productions Lid v Hamilton ([1983] | AC 191).

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case as guidelines had not yet been laid down and fairness required that there should be a degree of similarity between the periods of disqualification imposed by different judges or courts for similar offences.

His Lordship was disturbed by statistics which showed that in 1989 and the first six months

of 1990 many more disqualifications for more than five years had been imposed in county courts than in the High Court. It would be surprising if cases brought in the High Court were significantly less serious than those brought in the county

Section 6(4) of the 1986 Act provided that the minimum period of disqualification was two years, and the maximum 15 vears. His Lordship encdorsed the suggestion that the potential 15-year disqualification period should be divided into three

where a director who had al-ready had one period of dis-qualification fell to be disqualified yet again.

2 The bracket of two to five years should be applied where.

although disqualification was

mandatory, the case was relatively not very serious. 3 The intermediate bracket should apply for serious cases which did not merit the top

The test, "makes him unfit to be concerned in the manage-ment of a company, involved ordinary words which should be simple to apply in most cases. It those words in each case.

His Lordship deplored what

seemed to have been the ten-dency on the part of the Bar, and possibly also of the Official Receiver's Department, to treat Receiver's Department, to treat been taken under force of law statements in reported cases as from third parties ... to be not judicial paraphrases of the statu- paid over to the Crown." tory words which fell to be In earlier cases the same judge costrued as a matter of law in had regarded such debts as lieu of the words of the statute. In In re Lo-Line Electric view had not been followed by Motors Ltd ([1988] Ch 477, other judges, and the Official 486). Sir Nicolas Browne-Will Receiver did not seek to resurthat it was necessary that the director should know the sub-

stance of the charges that he had He said: "The practice of the Official Receiver is to summarise the allegations of nisconduct on which he is going to rely in the affidavit in support. This procedure is plainly both desirable and

That was not merely good practice; it was a requirement of practice; it was a requirement of the statutory rules made under the Act. The difficulty remained that, as a result of evidence subsequently filed or for some other reason, the Official Re-ceiver might wish to change the nature of the allegations on which be was going to rely, or to add further allegations.

add further allegations.

The court had a discretion to allow the Official Receiver to rely on the altered or additional allegation provided that could be done without injustice to the accused director. What justice required would depend on the circumstances of the particular case; the paramount require-ment was that the director must know the charges he had to

Mr Charles submitted that even if in making out his case for disqualification the Official Receiver could only rely on the allegations made in his report and/or affidavit, yet when the court came to fix the length of the period of disqualification it could take into account any other shortcomings in the director's conduct as a director, in other words, the director could be sentenced not only on the charges on which he had been convicted, but also on charges which were never made against him, if they happened to be made out in the evidence given.

His Lordship emphatically disagreed. It would be wholly wrong if in fixing the period of disqualification other matters could be alleged of which no notice had been given.

Matters of mitigation could of course be taken into account in favour, of the director, but favour of the director, but otherwise the period should be

otherwise the period should be fixed by reference only to the matters properly alleged against him which had been found to be established and to make him unfit to be concerned in the management of a company. His Lordship considered the allegations against Mr Cruddas in relation to each of the five companies, which had been properly summarised in a report by the Deputy Official Receiver, Mr Bennett.

by the Deputy Official Receiver, Mr Bennett.
They included failing to keep proper accounting records of one company, failures to file annual returns with the Registrar of Companies, causing a loan to be made by one companies. pany to another when Mr Cruddas knew or ought to have known that there was no prospect of repayment, mis-representing the trading position of a company to a creditor, causing companies to continue to trade while insolvent, and the retention of Crown debts.

The top bracket, for periods substantially proved, unfortunately for particularly serious cases, which might include cases throughout which Mr Cruddas through the allegations were substantially proved, unfortunately the judge, in an extending the provided through the allegations were substantially proved, unfortunately the judge, in an extending the provided through the allegations were substantially proved, unfortunately the judge, in an extending the provided through the allegations were substantially proved, unfortunately the judge, in an extending through the judge, in an extending through the judge, in an extending through the judge in t had appeared in person, had remittance of national insurance found further allegations estab-lished which had not been made wages, those powers were abol-

> failure to keep proper accounting records, in respect of other companies. He had not been entitled to make those findings. The next issue was that of Crown debts. There had been a considerable difference in approach by various judges of the Chancery Division

> significance of Crown debts in relation to the disqualification Mr Justice Harman in the present case said there was a total of Crown debts outstanding of the order of £120,000. He said: "It is in my judgment a badge of commercial immorality to cause moneys which have

"quasi-trust moneys". That view had not been followed by

Group Ltd ([1987] BCLC 601, 604): "The fact is that, no doubt for good reasons, the Exchequer appoint traders to be tax collec-tors on their behalf with the attendant risk. That risk is, to some extent, compensated by

the preference which they have on insolvency. "There is, as yet, no obliga-tion on traders to keep such moneys in a separate account as there might be if they really were trust moneys. They are simply a debt owed by the company to the Revenue or the Commissioners of Customs and Excise.

"I cannot accept that failure to pay these debts is regarded in the commercial world generally as such a breach of commercial morality that it requires in itself. a conclusion that the directors concerned are unfit to be in-volved in the management of the company.

His Lordship apprehended that the current consensus of the

Chancery Division judges was expressed in a passage in Lo-Line (at pp487-488), which con-cluded: "Although the Crown debts are not strictly trust moneys, the failure to pay them over does not only prejudice the Crown, as creditor, but in the case of PAYE and national insurance may also have a prejudicial effect on the company's employees...
I consider the use of the moneys which should have been

paid to the Crown to finance continuation of au insolvent company's business more culpable than the failure to pay commercial debts."

There would be validity in that if it were correct that the failure to pay over to the Crown moneys deducted from the wages of employees might bave a prejudicial effect on the employees. Enquiries made by both par-

ties in the present appeal had, however, disclosed that no such prejudice was to be found.

The Inland Revenue rightly accepted that the burden of a failure by the employer, as the Crown's appointed collector, to-pay over to the Crown moneys deducted for PAYE or national insurance contributions must fall on the Crown and not on the employees; the employees were credited with what had been deducted from their wages even though what had been deducted had not been paid over to the

Moreover, although the Crown had had powers under the Social Security Act 1975 and previous such Acts to sue the directors personally for nonfound further allegations estab-lished which had not been made in Mr Bennett's report. contributions deducted from wages, those powers were abol-ished by the Insolvency Act In particular, he had found a

Further, no one suggested that a customer who had paid VAT to a company as part of the price to him of goods sold or services rendered to him, had to pay YAT again to the Customs and Excise or was in any other way prejudiced if the company failed to account for VAT received by

The Official Receiver could not automatically treat non-payment of any Crown debt as evidence of unfitness of the directors. It was necessary to look closely in each case to see what the significance, if any, of such non-payment was. Certain Crown debts in the

accumulate at a time of ever tors' knowledge.
Mr Cruddas had made a

deliberate decision to pay only those creditors who pressed for suit that the two companies larly concerned His Lordship entirely agreed with the different view expressed by Mr Justice Hoffmann in In re Danson Print Crown happened not to be

pressing for payment.
Such conduct on the part of a director could well be relied on and the Commissioners of Cus-toms and Excise have chosen to was unfit to be concerned in the

management of a company.
But what was relevant, as to the Crown's position, was not that the debt arose from a compulsory deduction from employees wages or was a compulsory payment of VAT. but that the Crown was not pressing for payment and the director was taking unfair advantage of that-forbearance and instead of providing adequate working capital, was traditional to the control of ing at the Crown's expense while the company was in jeopardy.

It would be equally unfair to trade in that way and in such circumstances at the expense of creditors other than the Crown. The Crown was the more exposed not from the nature of the debts but from the admin-istrative problem it had in pressing for prompt payment as companies got into difficulties.

The public and pocketed the proceeds; on the contrary, Mr Cruddas had lost a lot of his own

Cruddas had lost a lot of his own money which he had put into two of the companies.

However, there had been incompetence or negligence in a very marked degree, it was not necessary for incompetence to be "lotal", as suggested by the Vice-Chancellor in Lu-Line (at 0486).

p486).
If the judge had not erred in taking into account findings of, inter alia, absence of proper accounting records — a very serious matter — which he had not been entitled to make, his Lordship would have hesitated to interfere with the seven-year period of disqualification imposed, even bearing in mind the mitigating factors in Mr Cruddas's favour.

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As it was, and in all the circumstances, the period should be reduced to five years. should be reduced to five years. It was appropriate that Mr Cruddas's period of disqualification should be longer than that imposed on Mr Hooker as the absence of proper financial control, which was Mr Cruddas's responsibility, was the main reason for the failure of the five companies. the five companies

Lord Justice Burler-Sloss and Lord Justice Staughton agreed. Solicitors: Jeffrey Green Russell: Treasury Solicitor.

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cople could be forgiven for wondering whether lawyers have managed to kill stone dead the Lord Chancellor's reforms of the legal profession. Since the green papers came out 18 months ago, the vitriolic rhetoric from the judges and the Bar - "the most sinister document to emanate from government" - has subsided. But what has happened to the proposals that were heralded as the biggest reforms of the profession this century or depending on the viewpoint, as portending the death of the independent Bar and state. control of the courts?

Just before the lawyers left for the summer vacation, the courts and legal services bill completed its passage in the Commons. It is now on course for royal assent in the autumn, and already verdicts are being pronounced.

Tony Holland, the newly elected president of the Law Society, the professional body of the 60,000 solicitors in England and Wales, has called the bill tame; a pale shadow of the excitement captured in the green papers. The original pro-posals, he says, promised to deliver so much. What has emerged is disappointingly diluted.

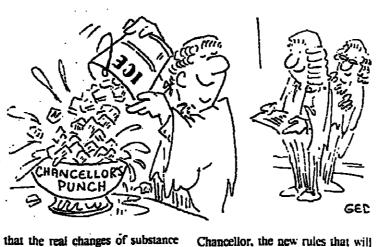
Both original and present reforms are about breaking monopolies and widening consumer choice in the way legal services are delivered. Yet, despite this wide remit, it has been the question of advocacy rights - where sectional rivalry between

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the profession's two branches is keenest — that has provoked most debare. Lawyers, or judges, have dominated the debates in both Houses: in the Commons, Labour's frontbench lawyers, who were expected to align themselves with consumer interests, often found common cause with their profession. The club, one observer noted, was more powerful than the party.

The lobby was a formidable one. The Bar moved away from its high profile, arguably over-zealous, campaign against the government's reforms en bloc and instead sus-tained a dogged opposition on points of detail, which achieved a number of, albeit small, changes to its advantage. The biggest of these was to have included in the bill the much-vaunted cab-rank rule, under which advocates must take cases in strict rotation. This will put solicitor-advocates under the same obligation as barristers: they will be unable to refuse any case because of its nature, opinions of the client or the source of his funding.

But the victory ended there. The Bar failed to persuade the government to ensure solicitor-advocates will not be able to refuse a legal aid case because of inadequate pay, despite attempts to force its hand by publicly stating that barristers were so bound. As one official put it, "if anything would have been state control, an obligation to do legal aid work would have been it". However, it was not in the bill's passage



that the real changes of substance were obtained. There is no doubt that, overall, Lord Mackay has succeeded in preserving his bill largely intact. In part, that is because the fundamental concessions had already been made. It was in the crucial gap between green and white papers last summer that he bowed to his critics; in particular, the special debate last spring in the Lords, when senior judges one by one castigated the proposals, had its

reflected that. Out went the hated proposal for a complex licensing system for advocates, attacked as encroachment by the executive on the judiciary. Also out were proposals for bar-risters and solicitors to form partnerships and for the public to have direct access to barristers (not just through a solicitor). Both measures, which would have been a marked step towards a fused profession, are now up to the profession itself to determine.

effect. The resulting white paper

was a substantial retreat and the bill

Finally, the judges were brought into the picture. They acquired a key role in approving, with the Lord

advocacy rights. Far fewer con-sumers are likely to benefit from changes which allow a choice of advocate than from changes to conveyancing. Yet these reforms are at the heart of the bill. The outcome is a measure, more than any other, of the extent to which the government has taken on the profession and won.

In publishing his proposals, Lord Mackay made clear he intended to end the long-running dispute between the two branches of the profession on advocacy rights. The profession's own failure to abolish what had become a publicly festering sore was one main reason the bill came forward at all.

In the Law Society's view, however, the risk remains "that after all the rhetoric, the bill will settle very little". Any progress on rights of audience could yet be frustrated by the reluctance of the judges to see the Bar's monopoly of these rights in the higher courts broken. The judges could still thwart the reforms.

It could be years before consumers enjoy the full benefits of the reforms. But whether they do, rather than when, depends crucially on this next stage of drawing up the ground rules, and both branches are already preparing for battle.

The government has put the ball back in the profession's court. It has not directly legislated for change, but rather created the machinery for it, through a complex system of consultation between the profession, judges, the director-general of fair trading, the Lord Chancellor and his proposed new lay-dominated advisory committee.

The appointments to this committee, and its chairman, are critical. The machinery must then show it can deliver the promised goods. • The author is the Legal Affairs Correspondents of The Times. INNS AND OUT

Crying for Argentina

mnesty International's lawyers group has called on its members to join a campaign against the reintroduction of the death penalty in Argentina, which hosted the last biennial International Bar Association conference in September 1988. The choice of Buenos Aires was in part a recognition of the enormous improvements in human rights in Argentina under the then president, Raul Alfonsin. The proposal to reintroduce the death penalty, which was abolished for ordinary criminal offences in 1984 after the country returned to civilian rule in the wake of the Falklands war, is a personal campaign by the new president, Carlos Menem.

Lawyers involved with Amnesty have been asked to appeal to senior members of both of Argentina's main political parties, pointing out that the reintroduction of the death penalty would put Argentina in breach of the international treaty obligations it assumed by ratifying the American Convention on Human Rights in 1984. If the death penalty is reinstated, Argentina will be the first member of the Organisation of American States to act in breach of the treaty, which will set a dangerous precedent

The American Bar Association has announced the launch of a Central and Eastern European Law Initiative (Ceeli). The ABA says this is the biggest external project to be undertaken by the association. James Silkenant, the chairman of the Section of International Law and Practice, says: "This may be the model for what United Kingdom and other European lawyers eventually will work towards in Eastern Europe."

The initiative will assist East European countries in the process of modifying or restructuring their laws and legal systems. Working on the premise that a commercial legal infrastructure will facilitate economic integration into the global economy, Ceeli will set up an institute located in an East European city to act as a conference and workshop centre. Cecli's aim is to help countries achieve an independent

judiciary, constitutional reforms, guarantees of basic human ights and protection from arbitrary government actions.

The announcement follows the June meeting in Islanbul of the ministers of justice of the Council of Europe, when it agreed to set up a mechanism to assist the eastern bloc in reforming laws to democratic standards. It can only be hoped that the beneficiaries of all this multinational advice are able to develop a suitable system for their individual countries.

B arristers suffering post-holiday blues can cheer themselves up with a late booking to the annual Bar conference at the New Connaught Rooms in London on September 22 and 23. Solicitors are not invited, even though one of the workshops on the first day seems to advocate a robust approach to deregulation at the Bar.

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expert witnesses. In the majority of claims, however, actuarial tables produced specifically for personal injury litigation could be used as the primary basis of

This is hardly a radical

move, considering that the tables were drawn up more than five years ago by the government actuary's department, acting on the unanimous recommendations of a working party, chained by Sir Michael Ogden, QC, and which included representatives of the Faculty and the Institute of Actuaries, the Faculty of Advocates, the Bar and both Law Societies. Given the tables' pedigree,

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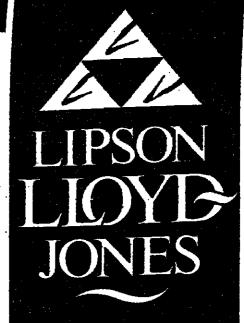
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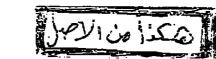
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project predicts that a new kind of personnel professional will emerge, one groomed for a "pivotal role" instead of being regarded merely as a service to management within the organisation. Some current personnel functions may be taken over by line managers, and the effectiveness of policies will be monitored by personnel professionals in line with mainstream corporate objectives. How will this affect the training

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personnel training. A course of study, such as the IPM foundation course or a relevant postgraduate degree, helps people who want a job as a trainee in recruitment, training or another personnel role.

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in the past, obtaining a secretarial job in a personnel department has provided access to the personnel career ladder but, as the role moves further towards the development and implementation of management policy and away from the administration of established schemes, this route may vanish.

Few go straight from a degree course into a job as a trainee personnel officer. Those who do tend to be articulate, mature, good at arguing a case and presenting it on paper, and willing to understand the attitudes of different groups of people.
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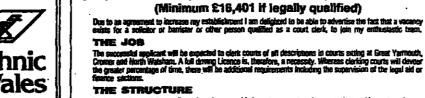
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LOUISE TAYLOR looks at the new economic equation that is ground-sharing

EVERY other Saturday, Bob Twyford piles the contents of his office into the boot of an estate car and drives the 12 miles between Bristol and Bath. For the secretary of Bristol Rovers, it represents one of many logistical difficulties involved in sharing Twerton Park with Bath City, of the GM Vauxhall Conference, who own the ground.

Promoted to the second division. Rovers regard sharing as a temporary expedient while they await the development of a new stadium in Bristol. Meantime. Twyford describes the

Charlton Athletic, who lodge with Crystal Palace at Selhurst Park: Chester City, who moved in with Macclesfield this summer, and Maidstone United, tenants at Dartford, all view sharing as a similarly short-term evil. Only Rochdale, who coexist with Rochdale Hornets Rugby Club at Spotland, are thinking beyond the short-term. "For a town the size of ours, it would be nonsense to try to support two grounds." Bill Kenyon, the football club secretary, said.

Yet with the 92 League clubs all needing somehow to rustle up a collective £500 million-plus by the year 2000 to comply with the demands of Lord Justice Taylor, there is a strong argument in favour of longterm arrangements.

Ron Noades, chairman of Crystal Palace, who will be seeking a perma-nent partner when Charlton depart Selhurst Park, said: "We are committed to sharing. It has caused no problems, and has helped rebuild our club without involving any additional costs in pitch maintenance. Hostility towards cohabitation is

exaggerated by the fact that all those clubs involved in such arrangements are cast in the role of poor relations the lodger renting a spare room in someone else's house.

This is hardly integration as practised by many continental clubs including in Italy. AC and Inter Milan. Genoa and Sampdoria, and Juventus and Torino, where the equality of relationships is such that their respective adminstrative staffs happily coexist in the corridors behind the stands of their state-of-the -

By contrast, all five English tenant clubs use the host ground purely as a playing arena, retaining office staff at their original home, using a separate training ground and employing their own turnstile operators and stewards. The only concession to their situation is that, in each instance, the sharing clubs jointly employ groundsmen. At one point Charlton did move

their offices to Selhurst Park but. finding themselves housed in a Portakabin adjacent to the main stand, the staff quickly repaired to their former home at The Valley. The makeshift nature of sharing in

England is not only illogical but uneconomic. Lord Justice Taylor's prompted the requirement that all costs - and crowd capacities - of



Common ground: preparing the pitch at Twerton Park, which is shared by Bath City and Bristol Rovers

first and second division stadiums be all-seated by 1994, with the remainder following suit within the next six

The sensible, not to mention cheapest, means of accomplishing this is for neighbouring clubs to share grounds along the same committed, fully integrated lines as the Italians.

Yet, like sweeper systems, permanent sharing has yet to emerge as a feature of League life. Lord Justice Taylor made it clear that there needs to be an attitude adjustment on the subject. The text of his report stresses that sharing is the rational route forward: "It seems uneconomic that a stadium should only be used by one club once a fortnight. If sharing arrangments could be made, the cost to each club, both of upgrading or building a stadium and maintaining it could be halved.

A number of cities have two clubs. But such is local rivalry that sharing seems anathema to many. Yet, faced with the costs of seating and ground improvements, it makes financial

Profits from the sale of two stadiums could be reinvested to create a purpose-built arena, the construction

which would be beyond either club on an individual basis. Savings could be spent on players, providing some consolation to supporters for the loss of their traditional home.

Tenative plans for an arena accommodating Sunderland (who face a cut to 14,000 in Roker Park's capacity), Newcastle United and Durham County Cricket Club, and Sheffield United and Sheffield Wednesday moving to a multi-sports ground originally used for the World Student Games, have been laid.

Tradition, though, holds sway with League directors and supporters alike. Fear of breaking with it lay at the core of Liverpool's and Everton's decision to abandon ideas of sharing a new stadium on Merseyside this summer. Misgivings multiply when a club moves to an existing ground and the experience of Crystal Palace and Charlton demonstrate that the effect on the morale of the host is radically different from that of the incomer.

Noades points to the advantages: "All building and maintenance costs can be shared, every facilty can be sold twice. The ground spends less time

have to find 12.5 per cent apiece of the remainder rather than 25 per cent - a considerable saving."

Mike Norris, vice-chairman of Charlton, takes a different view: "We originally intended this to be a permanent move but, because of the effect on our supporters, it was a mistake and we will be either moving back to The Valley or to a new ground. Playing on a ground decked out in Palace colours is not fair on our supporters."

Noades disagreed: "Next time we would like sharing to be permanent. It try but if we are not careful we did not happen with Charlton but there is the potential to share."

To Twyford, such a utopia is unattainable. For a start, sharing adminstrative staff is out of the question," he said. "Apart from the heavy workload - club staff often work a six-day week - a lot of have been anyone's ideal business is confidential and sharing exponents of the beautiful would lead to a conflict of interests.

But I see no reason why stewards and turnstile operators cannot be pooled. The pitch is not a problem dirty suggested prejudice because the two reserve teams can rather than observation. always play elsewhere. Jack Pitt, our paying 75 per cent of improvement teams playing on one pitch would always tended to be, but after a costs, ourselves and Charlton only teams playing on one pitch would always tended to be, but after a poor disciplinary record the

sence, it can rest easy. These days Leeds just want to be

That, of course, is not ultimately the height of their ambition. Recently Bill Fotherby, the club's managing director, was quoted as claiming, with modest Yorkshire reticence, that Leeds would be bigger than Manchester

IF THE first division is await-

ing, with fear and trepidation,

the return to the fold of Leeds

United after a ten-year ab-

Even the shrewd Howard Wilkinson, who thinks before he speaks and is too intelligent to be given to flights of boastful rhetoric, mlike some of his opposite numbers, talked soberly about seeing Liverpool as the target he and the club have to aim at, beginning forthwith.

But, above all else, those wonderful folks who once brought you Don Revie, Norman Hunter, John Giles, Paul Reaney, Allan Clarke and Billy Bremner just want to be recognised for the warm, caring people they really are. Sadly, however, overcoming the hostility which is an unavoidable part of the Revie legacy may prove even more difficult than putting Leeds back on a par with Liverpool.

Particularly when events like last summer's outing to Bournemouth occur to breathe new life into all the smouldering antagonism which the club's name arouses in normally calm, even passive people.

To add to the problem is the club's endemic paranoia, one part of the Revie inheritance which has not changed in the intervening 20 years, as a visit to the club revealed last week. Fotherby and a gathering of mainly local press spent a happy hour over lunch reassuring each other that the club's problems came down to the unfair London media. Fortunately, Wilkinson is

realist enough to recognise how debilitating that particular emotion is. "There is an anti-Leeds feeling in the counare going to develop a paranoia which will make us even more inward-looking."

Sometimes, of course, people are not being paranoid. they are being unfairly treated. Last season's team might not game but to accuse them of playing "the typical Wilkinson long-ball game" and of being

Certainly they were compet-

PETER BALL drops in on moment, tapping a wave of Filland Road restablished bear emotion while it lasts, and bear Elland Road, a club that has the image builders in

previous season, last season showed considerable improvement. Equally, some of the criticism levelled at Wilkinson personally is prossly unfair Far from being the low-

browed ideologue of the un-aesthetic and sometimes brutal long-ball game of popuiar (or at least southern) misconception, he is a much more sympathetic and deeper figure than that. And a far from dogmatic one, as a comparison of the differing teams he produced at Notis County, Sheffield Wednesday and Leeds suggests.

A sharp and articulate analyst, a senior FA coach and a respected voice in the inner-circles, Wilkinson thinks about the game and his job in a wider context than many of his more apparently worldly opposite numbers and he has a nice, dry sense of humour which punctures any tendency towards lecturing - possibly an inheritance from his brief spell as a teacher. And how can you dislike anyone who used to turn up at sedate, unimaginative Sheffield Wednesday in a formal dark suit and Co-respondent's After Sheffield, Leeds has

given him the shot of adrenalin he wanted. "This place throbs," he said with evident relish, showing me into his third office since his arrival. the other two having been commandeered to keep up with the demands of sponsors and supporters. "There's a crowd in the car park the whole time, it's just so alive." There is no doubting the hunger for success in West Yorkshire, and that is both Wilkinson's hope and his burden. He talked almost mystically about seizing the



convinced his directors of the need to spend the money ecessary to do so, Lukic and McAllister representing another sizeable investment in an already expensively assembled team. But, Wilkinson argued, if Liverpeof

are the competition, what is their team worth?
In the end it would be nice if Leeds could be judged for what they do on the field. where reality rather than image-building sets the tone. You can t just set out to be nice, because that's phoney, you either are nice or not." the manager remarked, although he forebore to recall the days when Revie's Leeds tried to do that by wearing smiley faces as

"And how do you set out to be nice on the field - by losing? You've got to try and win, so you can only do it by your behaviour, and I know what sort of behaviour expect from players. We could end up so that the only place this club will be true to itself is on the pitch." The supporters' problem

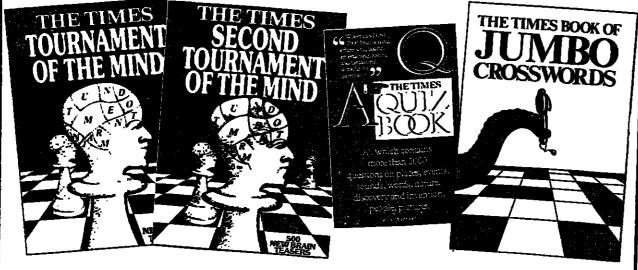
may be more intractable. Do they, unlike the directors, revel in the club's present image? Wilkinson insisted that Bournemouth had been the only case of trouble for two that this club's efforts to control the behaviour of its supporters extrinsically, that is away from our ground, is the most comprehensive in football. We have 20,000 ID card holders, for want of a better word, between season ticket-holders, members of the family club and members, so that at home we know two thirds of the people who are coming, and away from home they are the only ones who can get a ticket.

As that suggests, Leeds are trying. This season they are opening a family stand which, opening a tannily stand which, with its games houses, crèche facilities and carpeting, is very much "state of the art", and they hope the increase in family support will help to squeeze out their manority of mandless followers.

sec for the better but, as is some way to go. For if there to "the imppy family club" did not inde Elland Road's often same, altreost sinister atmosphere, which made it possibly the most uncomfort-

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Family's reunion delayed

THE draw for the Burhill family foursomes has placed the two entries from the golfing Benkas in the same half of the draw, but far enough apart to avoid domestic discord unless they both reach Friday's semi-finals (John Hennessy writes).

In today's first round. Peter Benka, in his prime a Walker Cup man, and his daughter Clare receive three strokes from Stephen Ross and his mother. Ross (three) and Mrs Ross (eight) have a total handicap lower by seven than Benka (two) and his daughter (16).

Pamela Benka, a former Cur-Pamcia Benka, a former Curtis Cup player, and her son, Mark, give five strokes to the Meyers. of Royal Ashdown Forest. The holders, Patrick Lawson and his mother, Jean, concede 10 strokes to Molly Rowledge and her son, Jake, of Rowledge and her son, Jake, of the host club.

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Senior is feeling. like \$1m again

in The International at Castle Pines golf club, Castle Rock, south of here on Sunday. He tied for second place, on 14 points, with Eduardo Romero and Steve Pate, three points behind Davis Love, but barely knew how he had mentaged it how he had managed it.
The stocky Australian, who

led his country's Order of Merit with earnings of about AusS900.000, had suffered such assumptin form over the last few these honeys in his last regard to months that he felt he had to three bogeys in his last round to take several weeks off to try to earn nearly \$75,000 and was unscramble matters.
The last three months have

been terrible, so this was a bit of a surprise," Senior admitted. "I haven't made a cut in Europe since Sweden in early June and I'd taken six weeks off to try and get my thinking back. I played in the US Open, then took two weeks off. Then I played in the

PETER Senior was pleased, if a Scottish and British Opens and little baffled, by his performance took two more weeks off it was that bad."
For no reason that he could

fathom, Senior started playing better in the PGA Gramp, ionship at Shoal Creek where. unlike many huminaries he completed all four rounds. His rehabilitation continued 6 000 feet up, close to the Rocky Mountains, in a format that

earn nearly \$75,000 and was looking forward to the \$13million World Series at Afron.
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TODAY'S FIXTURES: y v Bangor; Maticok v Standridge by v Chorley, First division and v Bridlington Town; Herrogesi on; Worksop v Fersley Celtic.

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Debutant sprints to world best

MAEBASHI (Remer) - Mich-ael Hubner, the former leading amateur, made a dramatic start to his first world championships as a professional by shattering a

world record on the opening day.

Hubner, aged 31, the first East German track cyclist to race for shoney, set a mark of 10.345sec for the 200 metres flying start in the professional sprint event in largen yesterday, breaking the record of 10.459, held by Stephen Pate, of Australia, in the admitishing round.

Hubner, who competes for the Histor-Sigma team in Belgium, said: To go under ten ectoads was my ditam. But the conditions were cooker than in

conditions were colder than in practice when I had a better Hubner pushed the 1989 champion, Claudio Golinelli, of Italy, into the second qualifying place, with Pate, the 1988 champion, third, Golinelli and Pate also bettered the record, with times of 10.357 and 10.400.

Bill Huck, the defending champion, qualified as the fastest rider in the amateur sprint, completing the 200 metres from

completing the 200 metres from a flying start in 10.153: RESULTS: Man: Protectional sprint of Hubiner (EG. 10.345ec; C Goiness (R), 10.357; S Pate (Aus.), 10.400; H Metsen (R), (Aug.a), 10.554; N Valls (US), 10.672; C Hall (Aus.), 10.682; Y Kantyana (Jenna), 10.683; Y Kantyana (Jenna), 10.989; E Selcanoto (Japan), 10.904; G Hatton (US), 11.018; M Alexandre (Arg.), 11.088.

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Coing: Good to ta TE WARREN MAILER

MICHAEL Stoute, who captured the 1986 Juddmonte. International Stakes with the Aga Khan's Shardari, can repeat the performance for the same owner today, this time with his high-class four-yearold Dolponr.

This group one event is traditionally the highlight of the opening day of the York Ebor meeting and, with the dual Guineas winner Tirol defecting overnight, this year's contest looks wide open.

To give Dolpour a chance, one must forget his latest effort, a disappointing fifth in the Prince Of Wales's Stakes at Royal Ascot, but the Stoute stable was clearly out of salts course and distance and also with just one success at the meeting.

Three of today's rivals, Baishoof, Relief Pitcher and Terimon, dominated the finish of that race, with Batshoof on earlier form, in the Gordon Richards Stakes at Sandown Park, Dolpour came out on arrears that day. top, beating last year's Inter-

By Mandarin

2.05 Act Of Diplomacy.

2.35 Millionaire's Row. 3.10 Dolpour. 3.45 Belmez.

5.15 QUAGLINO (nap).

4.15 Resolute Bay.

Jany la

national Stakes winner lie De' tender is Ian Balding's Dash- the placings today with the Robert Armstrong's dual win-Chypre a neck with Batshoof ing Blade who, after returning runner-up Tyrone Bridge. The same distance of the same distance and Relief Pitcher fifth.

plenty of time to recover from his races, but at his best he is a top-class performer with an can take his revenge today at attractive odds.

running last time out, struggling home in fourth place juvenile and should certainly behind Salsabil in the Oaks at pay her way this autumn. Epsom. However, earlier this season the daughter of Night Musidora Stakes over today's showed good pace to land the Irish 1,000 Guineas.

Dick Hern's Elmaamul is another three-year-old who comes into the reckoning on his battling Coral-Eclipse vicprevailing by a short head, but tory over Clive Brittain's

3.10 Dolpour. 3.45 Belmez. 4.15 Ysatirous.

4.45 Wajna. 5.15 Green's Trilogy.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

2.05 Act Of Diplomacy. 2.35 MILLIONAIRE'S ROW (nap).

Selections

the same distance away third to form with a victory in the Prix Eugene Adam at Saint-Dolpour always needs Cloud, was beaten on merit by that fine German horse

Turikonig at Munich. excellent turn of foot and he his Curragh winner Mission-Barry Hills is represented by ary Ridge and Negligent, who has been out of action since David Elsworth's In The finishing third behind Salsabil Groove must be respected in the 1,000 Guineas. She had she also failed to give her true won the Rockfel Stakes at Mournarket in good style as a Newmarket in good style as a

However, I am looking to Walter Swinburn, wearing the Shift had collected the famous green and red colours, triumphing with a telling challenge from Dolpour. The Stoute camp can com-

where Teamster is fancied to regain the winning thread. speed blunted when struggling Terimon at Sandown where home in fourth place behind Relief Pitcher was well in Ashal in the Ascot Gold Cup, run in saturated conditions.

Deploy's leg injury on the easily landing the odds at Beckhampton gailops at the weekend has left the Great Voltigeur Stakes at the mercy of Cecil's King George winner

This El Gran Senor colt showed tremendous courage to get the better of his year-older stable companion Old Vic at Ascot and should prove too resolute for Karinga Bay, Starstreak and Blue Stag, who fought out a thrilling finish to the Gordon Stakes at Goodwood.

The Warren Place team is also extremely hopeful of enjoyed a comfortable success collecting the Racccall Melrose Handicap with Millionaire's Row, who has won plete a notable double in the his last two starts, at Newbury two-mile Lonsdale Stakes and Thirsk, in the style of a progressive horse.

Cecil also has a live con-This useful stayer had his tender in the Eagle Lane Acomb Stakes with Sedair, who made a promising debut by beating Stone Mill at Ascot. Past by seven lengths, and this However, he will have his progressive sort can stay one

3.45 GREAT VOLTIGEUR STAKES (Group II; 3-Y-O colts & galdings:

BETTING: 8-11 Reimez, 11-4 Blue Stag, 9-2 Karinga Bay, 8-1 Starstreak, 10-1 Snurge.

1986: ZALAZI, 8-9 S Cauthen (7-4) H Coci 3 ran

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FORM FOCUS BELIMEZ best Old Vic a neck in the King George Vr Stakes at Ascot (7m 44, good to firm). George Vr Stakes at Ascot (7m 44, good to firm). Bey, heed 2nd of 3 to Middle Kingdom at Ascot (7m 45, good to Betty at The Carragh (7m 45, yielding) with BLUE STAG (5to better off) %/ 4th.

KARHING BAY best STARSTREAK (same terms) %/ at Goodwood (1m 44, good to firm) with BLUE STAG.

Doncaster, this Americanbred colt had beaten Mystiko and Regal Sabre, both impressive winners since, in good style at Newmarket.

The six-furlong Dowsing Handicap is a competitive affair, and it may be worth taking a chance with Richard Whitaker's Resolute Bay who, despite having the worst of the draw among the low numbers in the Stewards' Cup, stayed on well for eighth place behind Knight Of Mercy. Previously, this speedy four-year-old had at Chester and should figure prominently today.

However, for the nap I rely on Quaglino, from Peter Walwyn's in-form stable, to land the Eglinton Nursery. This Robellino colt won unchallenged when opening his account at Wolverhampton last month, beating Marching Another interesting con- and ought to be able to reverse work cut out to overcome step ahead of the handicapper

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last Thursday, picked up another four-day ban for careless riding at Windsor yesterday. Carson finished second on top weight Vintage in the last race of the day, the Quortina Challenge had to snatch up close home. The stewards ruled that the

at Brighton, Lingfield and Sandown Park, where one of the features will be the £40,000 Solario Stakes. Local stewards have the flexibility to suspend senior jockeys from between four and seven days for a first offence and

second offence. They gave Car-son the minimum penalty in each case.

Carson is currently on the 135 mark, 20 behind Pat Eddery and any hopes of the jockeys' championship seem to be

between four and ten days for a

evaporating. Respectable Jones, enjoying he eased ground and well the eased ground and Michael Hunt, beat a big field for the Huapango

first time, romped in at 8-1 to get her trainer Walter Carter off the 13-mark.

Fund-raising effort for Fry NORTHERN jockeys are hold-

ing a fund-raising event for Martin Fry, who was forced to give up riding in May because of a spinal disease. They have organised a dance, raffle and auction, to be held on the Friday evening of the Doncaster St Leger meeting at the racecourse, in an effort to ease Fry's financial plight.

Fry, a jockey for 14 years. received no insurance money when he retired after tests Apprentice Handicap.

Hunt, a 22-year-old from the confirmed he was suffering from sponylitis. Doctors said the second sponylitis. Doctors said the ner of his career, produced condition was unrelated to his 5-1 joint favourite with a riding career. With four children dy run to strike the front to support, Fry is delighted at inside the final furlong and the help from his former

going in the Sussex Stakes over this course and distance earlier

Leslie Harrison, racing man-

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is a surprise absentee from today's York feature event, the International Stakes. Richard Hannon, explaining

the decision to miss York, said: We decided that it would be a bit messy to run Tirol at a mile and a quarter and then bring him back to a mile and then back to a mile and a quarter again. So he now goes straight to Ascot next month for the one mile Queen Elizabeth II Stakes and then he tackles a mile and a quarter in the Champion Stakes."

Hannon added: "Rock City is all right. He just ran below parat Newbury in the Hungerford. He has been on the go a long time so we will now leave him alone for a bit."

Pharaoh's Delight has been confirmed as a definite runner in Thursday's group one Keeneland Numhorpe Stakes at

Peter Hudson's filly, who ran when finishing a length second to Pole Position in the group three Prix de Meutry at Deauville last Wednesday, will be parinered by Ray Cochrane. Hudson's secretary Mike Linn said: "Pharaoh's Delight came out of her French race in great shape, and is a certain

starter at York. "She hasn't done much since she came back — we've really only kept her ticking over we're expecting a good showing in the Nunthorpe." Sheikh Mohammed's Old

Vic. who has the Arc as his main autumn objective before retiring to the Dalham Hall stud, is likely to have his warm-up race in the Prix Foy at Longchamp over ten furiongs on September

His stable companion Sar-degna, winner of the Pretty Polly Stakes at Newmarket in May, is unlikely to run again

Henry Cecil's filly has been sidelined because of shoulder trouble since finishing second Musidora Stakes at York in

Leslie Harrison, racing manager to Sardegna's owner Lord Howard de Walden, said: "She's still in her box and it's not going to be easy to get her back. The longer it goes the less likely it gets that she will make a comeback, but it's still just

Blinkered fürst time YORK: 3.10 Relief Phoner. FOLKESTONE: 4.25 To Be Far.

Shavian in fine shape for Goodwood mile

VIAN was vesterday con- winner. He finished third on fast ed in tip-top shape for a going in the St at this Saturday's big this course and the £60.000-added Beefing the month. Gin Celebration Mile.

rene are ten acceptors for the properties of the dwood, including last Frisimpressive Hungerford es winner Norwich, one of the well at present and I just hope the control of the control e entered by last year's ning trainer Barry Hills. ica Cumani's Lord Florey is

Charmer will probably run ork on Thursday. Innections of Shavian are

the ground is reasonable. He does go on fast ground but he was just feeling it a bit last ikely to take his chance but The entries for Saturday's

THE CHILLES TO SALUTOUS STACE ARE:
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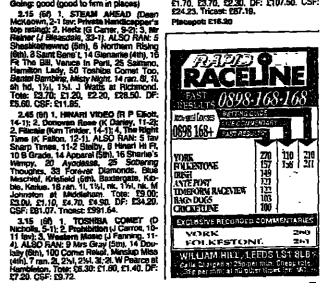
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4.30 (1m 70yd) 1, GRAND BLUSH (W R. Swinburn, 11-2; Our Mewmarket, Correspondent's next); 2, Joie De Rose (M Roberts, 7-1); 3, King Of Albien (S Whitworth, 10-1); ALSO RAN; 7-2 (av Gold Prospect (4th), 4 Gypsy River (6th), 9-2 Minn's Way, 8 Beau Ideal, 10 Robert Dear, 14 Concdentable (5th), 33 Belfort Ruier, Storm Free, Whitcombe Warrior, 12 ran. Shihd, 11-1, 2ki, 2kj, nk. M Mouberak at Newmarket, Tone, 65-60; 62-50, 62-40, 53-60. DF: £18-10, CSF: £45-19. Trocase £332-69.

5.0 (5f) 1, DANCE ON SIXPENCE (J. Curn. 11-4 fav); 2, Marching Peat (M. Roberts, 4-f); 3. Northgete Gat (S. Motoney, 16-f). ALSO RAN: 7 Super Spapemate (8th), 15-2 Parvas, 12 Gint in The Eye, Able Mac, Powerful Pierre. Hearthum, 14 Mistral Girl, 16 Bay Trouper, 20 Ageetee (4th), Troublewetheck, 25 Euro Mark (5th), 33 Syndam, Viscon Of Freedom, Canusell, Horselly, Tender Kiss, 19 ran, 31: 17-1, nk, nd, nk, HC John, 170; 25-20, 24-30. DF: £5-30. CSF: 215.87. Alter a stewerds' inquiry, the result stands. 3.45 (1m 40yd) 1, MOFADOR (R Lappin, 6-1 ir-fav); 2, Topeka Express (M Barch, 6-1 ir-fav); 3, Prinshoy (5 Webenar, 16-1); 4, Javert (M Wigham, 9-1), ALSO RAN; 7 Sikis Princess, Master Plan, 8 Morcinda (6th), 10 Hizeem, Pricy Cloud, 12 Lambson, It's Me. 20 Indivisible, Black Marketeer, 25 Finlar, Sky Deslon (5th), 50 Sharbask, Miss Hootess, 100 Sig. 17 ran, NR, Atrican Spirk, 31, 41, 11, nk, 2%, F. Lee at Wilmslow, Tota: ES, 70; E2.20, £1.20, £1.40, £2.90, DF: £8.80, CSF: £41.51, Tricast: £522.07.

4.15 (Im 30 1, KARTENS STARK FT (5

Tricest: £522.01.
4.15 (Im 35) 1. KARENS STARLET (S Wood, 10-1): 2. Mystery Bend (K Rutter, 7-4 tay); 3. Doria Giri (L. Charnock, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 100-30 Noble Son, 7 Another Marquesse, 9 Solway Mist (6th), Rupoles (4th), 14 Sey A Prayer (5th), 8 ran. 3. 25/1. 31, 31, 31, 31, 31 Hermond at Middleham. Tote: £17.70: £3.30, £1.10, £3.00. DF: £18.90. CSF: £27.09. Wimner sold to Mr H O'Donnell for 3.000grs.
4.45 (Im 40) 15 IMSET ROSE (S O'Gor-CSF: £15.87. After a stewards' inquiry, the result stands.
5.30 (Im 31 150yd) 1. MANERALIAN (T Culm, 7-1); 2. Materior (J Reid. 10-1); 3. Vintage (W Carson, 4-1). ALSO PIAN: 11-4 tav Kotol (4th), 3 Herbarto. 11 Visage (6th), 14 Tiger Claw (5th), 20 Smide Home, 40 The Lighter Side. 9 nm. 34, 214, 44, 34, 25h. C Bensteed at Epsom. Totar 58.50; £2 00. £2 50, £1.40. DF: £55.80, CSF: £56.85. Tracest: £286.75. After a stewards' enquiry, the second and fluid were reversed.

O'Donnell for 3,000gns.
446 (1m 4); 1, SUNSET ROSE (S O'Gorman, 11-4 fav); 2, Cherry Crown (L Chamck, 8-1); 3, Deganday (M A Giles, 9-2).
ALSO RAN: 8 Pas De Reel, 9 Moment Of Truth, Polesree (4th), Rubinka (8th), 10 Breguet, 12 Smooth Finish, 33 Rexy Boy, Fastaufan (5th), Minsk, 12 ran, 2, 2%, hz.
7, k.i. 18 adding at Kingsclere, Tote: 23-20; 17.
13, 10, 23.70, 22.30, DF: £107.50, CSF: 224.23, Tricast: £87.19,
Plescapott £16.30 Placepot: E16.20



By Michael Seely 4.15 DOWSING HANDICAP (£12,525: 6f) (19 runners) 2.35 MILLIONAIRE'S ROW (nap). 3.10 Dolpour. 3.45 Beimez. The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.35 BESITO. Guide to our in-line racecard 103 (12) 0-0432 9000 TRMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) 8 Hour 9-10-0 Received number. Draw in brackets. Str-figure distance winner. 8F — beaten fevourite in form (F – fell. P — pulled up. U — unequied rider. B — brought down. S — sipped up. R → retued. Going on which house has won D — distancing. I if jumps, F if that. (B — bimisers. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in outing; J if jumps, F if that. (B — bimisers. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in outing; J if jumps, F if that. (B — bimisers. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider y-issues. H — hood. E — Eyembiol. C — course and handicapper's rating. Going: good Draw: 5f-6f, low numbers best SIS Long handloap: Bayernam 7-1, Waverley Star 6-2. BETTRIQ: 4-1 Yestitous, 5-1 Polar Bird, 6-1 Bocas Rose, Absolution, 13-2 Profile, 8-1 Ducking the Wooster, 12-1 That's The One, Resolute Bay, 14-1 Maturar, 15-1 others. 2.5 EAGLE LANE ACOMB STAKES (2-Y-O: £14,880: 71) (8 runners) C4 11 ACT OF DIPLOMACY 26 (F) (II) (Kernet Velley) R Amstrong 9-5.
211 PLAN OF ACTION 17 (D.F) (Flankow Ltd) G Lewis 9-5.
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221 SOLDE 31 (D.F) (Marquesa de Morstalin) Jimmy Pizzperaid 9-5.
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AL Act Of Christman, 16-8 Sangashr) B Hills 8-7. 1989: SULLY'S CHOICE B-7-9 W Cerson (100-30 fav) D Chapman 14 ran FORM FOCUS BOCAS ROSE a neck to Knight of the Knight and BERTE WOOSTER 27th. VSATROUS best Dy Point a neck at Ascot (8), good to firm) with DUCKINGTON (5th better off) 1% dr. BERTE WOOSTER (6), good to firm) with DUCKINGTON (5th better off) 1% dr. BERTE WOOSTER (6), good to firm) with DUCKINGTON (5th better off) 1% dr. BERTE WOOSTER (6), and BOCAS and AJANAC (8) better off) 17th better off) 8th BROSE (1th worse off) 1% dr. DIET 2%) 4th of 12 to Selection: AJANAC SETTING: 6-4 Act Of Diplomacy, 16-8 Sedair, 6-1 Plan Of Action, 6-1 River Suir, 10-1 Solds, Character, 1 Honing Stone, 16-1 Bog Trotter. 1999: AQUATIC 8-12 W.R. Swinburn (8-4 fev) M. Stoute 11 ren 4.45 LONSDALE STAKES (Listed race: £13,580: 2m) (5 runners) FORM FOCUS ACT OF DIPLOMACY book Mystiko %i at Newmarket (8f., good to firm); subsequently book Mystiko %i at Newmarket (8f., good to firm); subsequently book Abstunk 71 at Doncaster (7f. firm).

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at Assot (2m 4f, good to firm); sertier besten 61 by | Selection: WALNA. 5.15 EGLIATON NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-O: £13,012: 7f) (21 runners) 1 (16) 22531 PAY HOMAGE 17 (D.F) (Mes A HB) J Baiding 9-7... 2 (12) 262512 AZUREUS 17 (F) (J Murdoch) J S Wilson 9-5...... 1989: FOREIGN ASSET 9-0 G Starley (5-1) G Planwood 11 ran FORM FOCUS GREAT MARQUESS bast Dawader a market (Im 21, good to firm). ARIAL STAR %12nd of the Ponteinest (Im 21, firm), MBL DONAINES NOW (SUMT beat High Spirited 2%) at Sendown (Im 81, good to firm) earlier rate on wall when 2%) ard of 15 timp on perubinate start; test time sessly beat BEAU (QUEST (22%) better of) 84.

GADABOUT 6%) 5th of 6 to Jemin at Goodwood (Im 84, firm); earlier 53 3rd of 13 to Red Toto at New-44, firm); earlier 53 3rd of 13 to Red Toto at New-44. 3.10 JUDDINONTE INTERNATIONAL STAKES (Group I: £180,338: 1m 2f 110vd) (9 runners) FORM FOCUS BATSHOOF best REWorse off) short head at Royal Ascot (1m 31, good to firm) with TERRIAON (2b worse off) and 2b worse off) and 2b worse off) and 2b worse off) and 3b to Statement with RELISE PITCHER (2b) Statement with RELISE PITCHER (same DOLPOUR (2b) worse off) 46 Sth.

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both Robinson and Blakey:

this soon after Atherton had

been unable to break through.

despite foxing Moxon several

luck and much menace.

DeFreitas captured the only wicket with the new ball, that

of Metcalfe as he played across

a straight one, but Akram had

them all playing, edging and missing, and he it was who

brought about Sharp's latest

Sharp was skulled at the

Wasim Akram needed, and sought scant help from the pitch as he bowled with little

OLD TRAFFORD (third day several nasty moments. He suffered from a severe groin

TEA, at 3.40pm, thanks to rescheduling owing to the demands of television, was the cue for the sort of rain that only Manchester seems to be able to produce. There is an air of finality about it which

brooks no argument, By then, Yorkshire were finishing with the impressive well on the way to achieving their first objective, that of avoiding being asked to follow on for the fourth time in five matches, and Martyn Moxon, their captain, was in sight of a richly deserved century.

A second-wicket partnership between Moxon and times with his googly. Robinson, which produced 147 from 51 overs, saw Yorkshire emerge from a sticky period which had promised to become a sea of trouble. Sound, sensible, and forthright batting was the keynote of Robinson's admirable 70. and coming as it did in the wake of yet another injury to the unfortunate Sharp, there was more than an element of

the opportuge about it.

thwarted

by Metson

By TONY WINLAW

SWANSEA: Glamorgan drew

THE Indians looked all set for

victory after taking the first seven Glamorgan wickets for 170 runs with 37 overs remain-

ing yesterday. But admirable resistance by the eighth-wicket pair. Croft and Meison, who

both scored unbeaten half-centuries, ended their hopes of

going into the final Test at the Oval with a victory behind them. Croft and Metson saved

couraging enough day for In-dia's bowlers, especially

Wasson, who having previously

This was the first time on the

tour that any bowler apart, of

course, from the spinners, has

taken more than three wickets in

an innings, Wasson, a 20 year

old undergraduate at Delhi

University, played in three Test

matches on the tour to New

Zealand at the beginning of the

year and it is now probable that

he will, at least, be included in

the 13 names for selection at the Oval. If he does play it might

well be to the exclusion of the leg

pinner Kumble, who yesterday

played only a minor role in the

Glamorgan collapse. Glamorgan have fielded more

players than any other county

this season and James became

their 23rd when opening the

innings with Morris in this

match. James was in prime form

for Cambridge University this

hundreds, hot with Morris and

Butcher now established as such

a commanding opening pair, his county chances are limited.

On ten occasions in 18 championship matches Morris

and Butcher have enjoyed cen-

tury first wicket partnerships.

At least James yesterday

successfully played his part with

Morris - even if only scoring 15

- in a first wicket stand of 63

runs, after Glamorgan had been ser 390 in 79 overs.

hook. However, it was a mis-

hook off Wasson which brought

his departure, when skying a simple catch off his gloves to

From 116 for two Glamorgan

fell right away. Wasson, having claimed the first four wickets,

striking what appeared to be the decisive blow in the last over

before tea when Maynard was

son, with 921 runs and four

apiece, took six for 84.

with the Indian touring team

has so far held the fort for four strain since. Yesterday, bathours and has seen his team to ting resolutely. Sharp received a particularly wicked lifter within 94 runs of their first, from Akram which trapped modest objective. It has not been easy. Ortho- his thumb between ball and dox spinners from the War- bat handle. An x-ray showed a wick Road end have found the second-hand pitch conducive premature end to his season. to turn. Carrick took all his

Robinson overcame making early involuntary passes at wickets from there, capturing Akram before settling in. He also had his stumps splayed by while Lancashire added 16 for the same bowler when he had their last two wickets, and climbed to higher ground, having scored 37 and having dealt with Atherton in no figures of five for 98 from 40 overs. Then Watkinson. uncertain terms. reverting to off spin from his usual medium pace, removed

A fierce, inswinging yorker was through him and under his bat as he played defen-sively. Umpire Whitehead's signal of no-ball was as much a relief to Robinson as it was a source of obvious dismay to

Robinson went past his 50 in two hours with nine fours, having faced one more ball than Moxon, who had already reached his own half-century. He was finally taken at forward short leg, the first of two wickets to fall to Watkinson in his first six overs. The second was Blakey, who received an arm ball which lifted suddenly



A narrow escape: Holloway, of Young England, nearly paid with his wicket for this attempted forcing stroke

By SIMON WILDE

FORTUNATELY, the players of Buckinghamshire and Lincolnshire have large families, otherwise the greater proportion of spectators at the

Holt Cup final yesterday would have been the hard-hat brigade

at work on the Compton and Edrich Stands.

to take place on Sunday, as scheduled, the attendance

larger. But the delay worked in favour of the less-experienced

failed to rival their opponents' total of 227 for seven in 55

of their own. Paul Atkins, who

ahead of the game. He shared stands of 88 in 23

overs for the second wicket with Harwood, and 52 in 11 overs for

the third with Scriven, once of

Somerset. When the time came

to increase the tempo, though,

Atkins's partners perished with

alarming rapidity, five wickets

tumbling in nine overs. Four of them fell to Love, the former

Yorkshire player, who stuck simply to bowling straight. Then, when Lincolnshire bat-

eight overs with Love, was

Some late hitting by

Illingworth and Christmas, who

side close to the target. But

Buckinghamshire always had

bowled by Percy.

Had rain permitted the match

Moxon, for his part, moved Oval last season, nosed at and was neatly picked up by along serenely in the face of Northampton in July and has Fowler at slip. Indians are Cook hits out for Somerset First-class Pakistan spinners and gets closer to a bonus

Hampshire, with all second-immigs wickets in hand, are 121 runs ahead of Somerset HAMPSHIRE, who need to win

this match to stay in the hunt for the championship, had an untimely setback vesterday when they were unable to make Somerset follow on, Jimmy Cook, the South African, made his eighth hundred of the season and Chris Tavare went on to compound Hampshire's problems when he stayed four-and-aquarter hours for 66.

Hampshire declared at their

the game with an unexpected degree of comfort and had overnight total but their attack was handicapped by a benign added 103 by the time it was pitch and the loss of Ayling given up as a draw. Glamorgan's batting strength through injury. In addition to damaging a hand while batting this season has meant limited on Saturday. Ayling was also found to have broken a toe. opportunities for Croft at No. 7 but he has certainly played a valuable part in the county's success. Yesterday's innings brought his aggregate to 487 Hampshire, though, did at least secure maximum bonus points. Somersei, who have gone 17 runs at an average of 60,07. victory, this was still an en-

TAUNTON (third day of tour): April, batted unevenly and once Cook, who has now scored even more heavily than he did last year in his first season. Cook's aggregate is now 2.283, which with three matches left, leaves him 217 short of qualifying for a lucrative sponsorship award. Cook twice mis-hit balls against Bakker and Connor

early on but they went nowhere

near a fieldsman. Otherwise, he remorselessly accumulated his runs without an error. His next false hit was the stroke which brought up his hundred. Somerset lost two early wickets when Roebuck hooked a catch to long leg and Hayhurst was caught behind, straight driving Connor. Tavare was introspective from the start and Cook dominated their second wicket stand of 114 in 37 overs. Cook had

win £12,000 if he is the first and only batsman to reach 2,500 runs. The sponsors. National Power PLC, who are also rewarding six hitting and bowling achievements, are giving a similar sum of money to the player's county club,

Hampshire captured three more wickets in rapid succession after Cook's departure, Marshall returned and had Harden leg-before in his first over; Burns gave Maru a low return catch; and Rose was held st short-leg against Marshall, Tavare found the support he needed, however, from Lefebvre, who helped to add 79 from 25 overs.

By the time Lefebvre was caught behind. Somerset had saved the follow-on and Hampshire's chances of winning had receeded. Tavare's dour stint ended when he gave Parks his fourth catch as he tried to cut.

game by slow things down **Atkins**

LORD'S (Buckinghamshire won toss): Buckinghamshire beat Lincolnshire by 16 runs

THE loss of two hours' play on the first day and the whole of the second has left the first of the second has left the first of the three four-day youth international matches between England and Pakistan badly behind the clock. Yesterday, though, there was some forthright batting, briefly from the Pakistanis before they declared, and then from Crawley and Holloway in a second wicket partnership of 155 for England.

With the valuable purposet of

would undoubtedly have been With the valuable support of Bull's Computers these tours side. Lincolnshire, despite possessing five former first-class county players, comfortably now have a regular place in the calendar. It is the first time the young Pakistanis have been on one, and they are creating an impression of great keenness. With Majid Khan and Haroon Rashid, who made 11 richlyovers.

Buckinghamshire's match-winner was a first-class cricketer gifted Test hundreds between them, in attendance, they aim, too, at a high standard of play. If has played for Surrey. He batted for the last 44 overs of their innings for 97 not out, ran sharply between the wickets and their appearance suggests they grow up faster in Pakistan than we do here, nothing on the day batting of England's second-

wicket pair. With Imran Khan and Wasim Akram being the dashing and successful fellows they are voung Pakistanis aspire these days to become fast bowlers

Until tea most of the bowling was done by eager beavers who came pounding in. Among these was Maqsood Rana, son of

rather than spinners, and this arms among the Pakistanis, by was reflected in yesterday's play. the way, as well as some

Mike Gatting's old adversary, appealing on his.

Tour to pick up tips

SRI Lanka, who will play nine counties in their four-week tour

Test match against England

Test match against England of England, gave warning yes-terday that they are about to Mumtaz Yusuf, the tour man-

ager, said: "We think we can shake off the tag of being the "minnows" of world cricket. produce a new Tendulkar and we want to prove we have the players to be world-beaters. The purpose of the tour is to give several outstanding young-sters experience of English con-ditions in preparation for next experienced Aravinda de Silva.

By JOHN WOODCOCK

NORTHAMPTON (third day of Shakoor, and a member of the four): England Under-19, with full Pakistan team which toured six first-innings wickets in hand. Australia last winter. This pace of bowling is the staple-diet in Australia last winter. This pace of bowling is the staple diet in England, and it was not until Shahid Hussain and Rashid Mehmood came on, bowling slow left-arm and off breaks respectively, that the English batting lost momentum.

Most of the England side have some first-class experience. Immediately after taking a wonderfully good slip carch. Grayson, of Yorkshire, opened England's innings with Holloway, of Warwickshire, and played nicely until La Eeq bowled him, playing marginally across the line. The partnership which followed between Crawley and Holloway lasted 40 overs and was full of good

John Crawley, hother of Mark, this year's Oxford captain, is himself destined for Cambridge in October, and he clearly has the ability to make the most of what Fenner's has to offer. The other Crawdeys, those who went to Harrow, made, of course, a great stack of rams in their time; but these two, from

are getting an awful lot as well. Last year, at school, John scored five hundreds in a row. Yesterday he was approaching another when the spinners slowed him down and then got him out. There are some strong the way, as well as some powerful vocal chords. They may anot all want to bown like Abdul Qadir any more, but they could have modelled their

Nomen and T Jamese, Printerson Town, the Std. 287-28. A. Johnson and S. Wetson (Portand, Cambelland) SEE Boyd and D Arnold SE Paigs's Metalchai, Hands, 18-16: C Edwards and P Token (Lobe, Cornwall) bit R Write St and R Weise Jr. (Butter) House, Bosson)-27-47: D Boyle and J Davis (Mitherness, Yorkstries) bit N Knowles and D Pailips (Cambellan), 18-26; Heises and D Taylor (British Rail, Cambella) bit D Lobbart and G Niver (Bollon), 25-26; T Honor and G Little black-Surrey) bit N Thoma and J Field (Fiblick, Beds), 24-16; H and M Newman Freeding) bit S McCauphrie and G Burgess (GRI Edge, Kidderministry, 22-12; J Brook and G Smyth (Paddingson) bit A Sessex and K Smith (Denham, Bucks), 21-15. A familiar shape for Welsh side

Scott ends

treble -

chance for.

Allcock

By GORDON ALLAN

TONY Allcock, the new triples champion, lost in the first sound of the Woolwich EBA pairs at

Worthing yesterday, putting an end to his chances of an unprecedented three national

titles in the same season.

Kieran Whitmore and Bob Scott, of Cotgrave Miners Wel-

fare. Nottingham, whose only successes beyond club level have been in British Legion

compensions, saw their 18-9 lead reduced to 21-20 before

At 23-21 Len Cooper gave Allcock a sound base on the last

end, but Scott produced two pearls that finished immediately behind the jack, and blockers prevented Allcock doing any

and Scott lost 24-12 to John Onaway, the 1989 singles cham-

Ottaway, the 1969 singles cham-pion, and Roger Guy. With his piston-like delivery arm work-ing well. Ottaway, whose Nor-wich home hears the appropriate name Shotwood, made sure his skip rarely faced

Two more former singles champions. Ron Keating and David Cutler, also advanced to the third round, beating Croy-

don 29-20 and coming within a

don 29-20 and coming within a fraction of scoring a maximum eight on the eleventh end. Keating and Cutler qualify so regularly for the pairs that their names go together now like Gilbert and Sullivan.

John Barrell and Roy Cutts.

too, have appeared before at Worthing but they lost to another East Anglian combination. Geoff Roll and John

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By DAVID RHYS JONES

THE family aspect of bowls was once again emphasised when the Welsh junior team to play England at Bristol on September was announced yesterday. Many of the names have a

David Kingdon. Mike Oliver. Jeff Webley and Jeff Wilkins are all sons of Welsh international players while Brian Weale is the younger brother of Robert Weale, who has played for Wales since 1982. Most of the

Wales since 1982. Most of the others have parents who play bowls at a high level.

Nigel Fleming is the son of Barry Fleming, the 1988 Welsh president, and Tony Matthews is a member of the family which won the Welsh fours for Neath two years ago.

won the Welsh lours for neath two years ago.
Outdoor internationals like Mike Prosser, of Ely Valley, were not considered but lan Slade, of Abeream, who played for the Welsh seniors in 1987, earns a place after reaching the semi-finals of the WRA singles

semi-finals of the WBA singles championship last week. championship last week.

WALES: Rink 1: G Williams (Pembroke
Dock, J Feley (Brythyfryd), N Collett
(Cardiff), B Dennis (Silandershoot) Rink 2:
N Rening (Machymileth, Kones (Tick
N Rening (Machymileth, Kones (Tick
Tock), T Matthews (Neath Town), J
Greenstate (St Fagans), Rink 2: P Denent
(Techy), R Wason (St Fagans), J Langley
(Bleensvon), J Appiegase (Pt Valley), Rink
4: J Webley
(Dinks Powe), J Embrody, A
Meddins (Dinks Powe), J Embrody
(Aburram), J K Gans (Thymney Gwend), A
Meddins (Dinks Powe), J Wildins
(Pouthydylen, Glottam), Rink 6: B Wesle
Quinty (Presseppe), J Stevens (Aborders Hartequins), D Kingdon (Brythyfryd), M Ciner
(Brythydrigh, A Priot (Ammanland), Memorial), A Priot (Ammanland).



faced 181 balls and hit 16 fours when he tried to drive a widish games without a victory since ball from Maru and was caught Beckett hands it to Ealing

CLUB CRICKET BY MICHAEL AUSTIN

GRAHAM Beckett, the Ealing the durability of Syl Oliver. wicketkeeper, managed to dismiss the first five Cockfosters batsmen with catches in their Middlesex County League match, helping his side to a four-Other unusual happenings in

an eventful programme included to wickets falling to offspinners in a Bassetlaw League game at Queen's Park. Chester-field, a first-class ground. Michael Rowe returned nine for 67 Bolsover before Brian Gladwin, also bowling from the Lake End. took seven for 38 as sterfield won by 13 runs. Adrian Brabazon, of Swindon became the first player to take all ten wickets in an innings since the Wiltshire League was

formed a decade ago. He re-turned ten for 49, bowling nine of his victims, against Bid-

Few all-rounders have shown

Oliver, aged 60, scored 69 not out and took six for 42 as

Winnington Park beat Macelesfield by 11 runs in the Cheshire County League. Kendal created a Northern League record by making 296 for seven against St Annes, to overtake the previous highest team total of 292, scored by

Netherfield against Blackpool last summer. Mauhew Horne, a New Zealander who plays for Lansdown, the Bath club, has also been among the runs, with four consecutive hundreds, and the experienced Alan Burridge scored 101 not out for Watford

Herifordshire League. Greg Thomas, the Northamptonshire and former England fast bowler, was just happy to be playing again, six weeks after breaking a finger. He helped County Colts beat wickets at Oundle School in the

closer to the Central League title with a 19-run victory over Water Orton, while Walsall and Wolverhampton are joint fa-vourites to win the Birmingham League. Stourbridge, the champions, are bottom of the table. League, and Frome are on course to retain the Harris's ing Thornbury.

With six matches remaining. Widnes have won the Manches-Courtney Ricketts, the former

Wellingborough Town by eight Northamptonshire County Northampton Saints moved

Lewes still lead the Sussex County Alliance title after beat-

ter Association title, a year after ter Association time.

narrowly avoiding relegation.

Bristol West Indians. helped by Sussex player, are Bristol and District champions for the fourth successive season.

ted, it was a direct hit by Atkins from long-on that ran out Love. Love, who had scored 47, had looked capable of winning the match on his own. Next ball, Hibbitt. who had added 41 in

put on 42 together, took their

something to spare. YESTERDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

Sussex v Kent HOVE (second day of three): Kent, with eight second immings wickets in nand, are 181 runs ahead of Sussex

KENT: First Immigs 449 for 7 dec (M R Banson 115, S A Marsh 70 not out, T R Ward 64, N R Taylor 61, Bowling: Pigott 22-5-93-2; Dodermaide 31-4-123-3; Burting 22-5-88-0, C M Wells 19-5-80-0; Donelan 16-4-59-2)

Second Immigs S G Hinks b Dodernaide N R Taylor not and R Taylor not out
P Davis c Moores b Pigott
R Cowdrey not out
Extras (b 1)

Total (2 wkts) M.R. Benson, T.R. Ward, M.V. Flemmig, "C.S. Cowdrey, 1S.A. Marsh and P.S. de Vilhers T. N. Wren to bat N Wren to bat. FALL OF WICKETS: 1-5, 2-6.

SUSSEX: First innings N J Lenham b Fleming 96
J W Hall b Fleming 2
JP Moores run dut 2
A P Wests c Ward b Davis 7
A P Wests of out 0
C M Wells not out 4
D M Smith not out 4 D M Smith not out _______ 6 Extras (b 14, tb 4, w 6, nb 3) ______ 27

Total (5 wkts dec. 100 overs) 299 A I C Dodernside, A C S Pigott, R A FALL OF WICKETS: 1-53, 2-129, 3-180, 4-BOWLING: De Vilhers 14-1-34-0, Wren 21-4-74-0: Fleming 27-10-65-3, C S Cowdrey 5-0-18-0: Davis 31-11-89-1, Ward 2-0-3-0.

Borius points: Sussex S. Kent 6. Umpres; P J Eele and R Julian.

Bonus points: Essex 6, Surrey 4. Umpres: H D Bird and J H Hampshire,

Nottinghamshire v Gloucestershire

TRENT BRIDGE (second day of three): Gloucastershire, with five second-immigs wickers in hand, are 95 runs ahead of

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First Innings 239 (R C Russell 79, K M Curran 54; R A Pick 4 lar 70).

C W J Athey to review to Fig. 65
M W Akeyne not out 65
K M Curran b Stephenson 7
1R C Russell not out 10
Extras (ib 1, nb 3) 6 Total (5 wkts) 115 C A Walsh, M C J Ball, D V Lawrence and S N Barnes to net C n waish, M C J Ball, D V Lawrence and S N Barries to pat. FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-2, 3-3, 4-61, 5-79.

Total (96.1 overs) FALL OF WICKETS: 1-26.2-229, 3-231, 4-234, 5-234, 6-234, 7-250, 8-250, 9-258, 80WLING: Westn 23.1-6-44-2: Curren 15-3-36-0; Lawrence 18-1-51-5; Barnes 13-5-39-0; Alleyna 9-3-23-3; Artey 2-1-2-0; Batt 11-1-32-0; Battondge 5-0-18-0.

res: J D Bond and N T Plews.

Worcs v Northants WORCESTER (second day of stree): Northamptonshire, with eight second-immgs wickets in hand, are 86 runs athead of Worcestershire NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First Imnings 242 (A Fordham 81; R K lilingworth 4 for 29).

A Fordham c Rhodes b Newport N A Felton c Rhodes b McEwan W Larkurs not out H J Balley not out Extras (b 9, nb 1)

Total (2 wkts) _ D J Capel, A J Lamb, A L Peoberthy, †D Ruley, C E L Ambrose, N G B Cook and M A Robinson to bat. FALL OF WICKETS: 1-19, 2-51.

WORCESTERSHIRE: First Innings T S Curtis low p Ambrose ... J Lord c Ripley b Capel ... M McEwan b Cook G A Hick c Ripley b Cook ... D B D'Okvera c Penberthy b Cook ... D A Leatherdale c Capel b Cook ... S R Lamput low b'Ambrose Extras (to 2, nb 4) Total ...

> Score at 100 overs; 233 for 9 FALL OF WICKETS: 1-25, 2-44, 3-88, 4-92, 5-153, 6-153, 7-171, 8-198, 9-198. BOWLING: Ambrose 26-7-63-2: Robinson 22-3-63-2: Capet 4-0-13-1; Cook 40.1-17-30-5; Bailey 8-1-22-0. Boras points: Worcestershire 6, North-

> Umpires: D J Constant and 8 Leadbeater,

PAKISTAN U-19: First Immings
A Restrict Mehrmood at Noon b Roberts 76
M Jamshed c Holloway b Barnett 98
M S Ahmad c Crawley b Roberts 10
Z Fazal b Barnett 7
Mehrmood low b Roberts 3
N A Mughal c Grayson b Gough 57
HM Khan c Crawley b Bernett 1
S Hussain b Gough 34
A Laesq not out 3
Extras (D 7, nb 2) 9

Holt Cup Final Bucks v Lincolnshire LORD'S (Buckinghamative won toss): Buckinghamative best Linconstine by 16

BICKINGHAMSHIRE
A R Harwood at Prestley b Feit ...
If J Roberts c Priestley b Foit ...
I J Roberts of Priestley b Point ...
I J A Scriver c Hibbit b Love ...
I Burrow b Love ...
I G Harmes b Love ...
I S Percy b Illingworth ...
I S Percy b Illingworth ...
I Barry not b Love ...
I Barry not out ... Berry not out _____ Extras (to 18, w 2, no 2)

DEZ. FALL OF WICKETS: 1-23, 2-111, 3-163, 4-165, 5-175, 6-197, 7-198. BOWLING: Port 7-3-9-1; likelyworth 10-1-5-4-1; Jellis 6-1-30-0; Christines 11-1-31-0; Fell 11-0-47-1; Love 10-1-44-4.

LINCOLNSHIRE hissiley c Goldsmith b Barry Storer b Scriven C Gandon b Barry Fell c Harwood b Scriven Hibbitt b Percy Post b Percy
T Branthill c Roberts b Burrow 21
Illingworth b Barry 31
Christnas not out 29 Jetis not out Extres (b 4, ib 8, w 4, nb 3)

FALL OF WICKETS: 12,2-19,3-50,4-76,5-117,6-117,7-130,8-154,9-196, BOWLING: Barry 11-3-39-3; Booden 11-3-24-0; Burrow 11-5-33-1; Lynch 8-0-32-0; Scriven 7-34-2; Percy 8-0-37-2.

England Under-19 v Pakistan Under-19

NORTHAMPTON (second day of three); England Under-19, with spr wickess in hand, are 29 nms behind Pakistan Under-BCWLING: Gough 13.1-3-45-2; Hallett 13-1-64-0; Cork 14-1-58-0; Bernett 34-14-89-3; Roberts 22-6-54-3.

ENGLAND U-19: First Innings Grayson b Laseq L Hotoway Ibw b Laseq Grawley Ibw b Shahid Hussain each b Shahid Hussain Total (4 wids)

HW M Noon, J C Hallett, D Gough, A A. Bernett and D Cork to bet. FALL OF WICKETS: 1-42, 2-197, 3-218, 4-

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Tour match Glamorgan v Indians SWANSEA (final day of three): Glamorgar drew with The indexes THE INDIANS: First Innings 330 for 9 dec (S R Tendulkar 68, N Monga 60, W V Raman 59, N S Sighu 54).

Morris played another ex-cellent innings of 73, with his most profitable stroke being the Total (no wkt dec) . SOWLING: Maymard 9-1-34-0; Dale 9-0-62-0; Anthony 1-0-2-0. GLAMORGAN: First Innings S.P. James c. More b Sharma

Cottey low b Kapil Dev FALL OF WICKETS: 1-14, 2-31.

BOWLING: Kapil Dev 6-3-8-1; Sharma 5-1-23-1; Wasson 1-0-5-0; Kumble 1-0-2-0. Second Innings
S P James c More b Wasson
H Morrs c Softnu b Wasson
P A Codey c More b Wasson
M P Maynard b Wasson
A B Butcher Ibw b Wasson
A Butcher Ibw b Wasson
A Dale c More b Kumble
R D B Croft not out
H A G Antrony c More b Wasson
TC P Metson not out
Extras (b 8. ib 2. nb 8)

Total (7 wkts) FALL OF WICKETS: 1-63, 2-116, 3-132, 4-167, 5-168, 6-170, 7-170. BOWLING: Kapit Dev 19-3-58-0; Sharma 9-2-48-0, Wasson 23-3-89-5; Tendulkar 1-0-5-0; Kumble 21-8-51-1; Raman 2-0-12-

Umpres: A A Jones and K J Lyons. Britannic Assurance

county championship Somerset v Hants

TAUNTON (third day of four): Hampshire, with all second-innings wickers in hand, are 121 runs ahead of Somerset

Second innings
V P Terry not out
C L Smith not out
Extras (to 2) Total (no wkt) 21
D I Gower, R A Smith, M D Marshall, M C
J Nicholas, J R Aylang, R J Maru, †R J
Parks, C A Connor and P-J Bakker to bat.

SOMERSET: First Immigs
S J Cook c Parks b Manu
P M Roebuck c Commor b Bakker
A N Hayhirst c Parks b Comnor
C J Tavarè c Parks b Marshall
N B Burns c and b Maru
G D Rose c C L Smith b Marshall
N A Matender b Marshall
N A N Jones not out Swallow not out Extras (b 11, no 6)

Total (9 wkrs dec. 98.3 overs) 301 FALL OF WICKETS: 1-1, 2-85, 3-179, 4-180, 5-181, 6-194, 7-273, 8-284, 9-292,

Bonus points: Hampshire 8, Somerset 6, Umpres: J H Harns and 8 Hassan. Lancs v Yorkshire OLD TRAFFORD (third day of four):

misnee, with seven thist-innings wickets hand, are 243 nins behind Lancashire G D Mendis C Barry b Hartley 13
G Fowler c Barry b Hartley 13
G Fowler c Barry b Hartley 17
M A Atherion c Byas b Carrick 103
N H Farthorither c Moson b Hartley 99
M Warkunson c Robinson b Carrick 138
Wassm Akram c Hartley b Carrick 8
P A J Defrettas b Barry 4
1W K Hegg c Byas b Carrick 21
1D Austin not out 21
TO P Highes c Byas b Hartley 16
P JW Alloft st Glakev b Carrick 2
Extras (b 10, lb 2, nb 2) 14
Total 22

Total . Score at 100 overs: 392 for 8 FALL OF WICKETS: 1-18, 2-29, 3-164, 4-335, 5-349, 6-364, 7-365, 8-392, 9-422. BOWLING: Jarvis 20-3-73-0; Hartley 22-1-109-4; Pickles 12-0-57-0; Carrick 40-11-98-5; Batty 22-1-84-1;

YORKSHIRE: First lanings

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A Mercalle low b DeFreitas

K Sharp retired hurt

F Robinson of Highes b Watkinson

T R J Baskey o Fowler b Watkinson

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Total (3 wkls. 66 overs) 190 P Carrick, C S Pickles, P J Hartley, P W Jarvis and J D Batty to bat. FALL OF WICKETS: 1-3, 2-171, 3-177. Bonus points: Lancashire 4. Yorkshire 3. Umpires. R A White and A G T Whitehead.

Essex v Surrev CHELMSFORD (second day of three): Essex, with hive second-innings wickets in hand, are 403 runs ahead of Surrey ESSEX: First linnings 236 (N A Foster 58; A J Murphy 5 for 67). Second Innings 'G A Gooch c Clinton b Robinson ,

Shahio not out Extras (b 4. lb 2, w 2) Total (5 wkts) ...

†M A Garnham, N A Foster, M C Bott, J H Childs and S J W Andraw to bat. FALL OF WICKETS: 1-80, 2-98, 3-168, 4-185, 5-188.

SURREY: First Innings
G S Clinton o Gooch b Bott
A J Stewart bw b Andrew
G P Thorpe o Garmham b Andrew
10 M Ward o Shahid b Andrew
11 M Ward o Shahid b Andrew
12 M Carrol b Foster
13 D Robusson int with b Foster
14 Grieg o Garmham b Foster
14 Thedipcot o hussain b Foster
15 Thedipcot o hussain b Foster
16 J Murphy b Foster
17 Extras (b) 2, 76 1)
17 Intal 4372 overst Total (47.2 overs)

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-13, 2-47, 3-57, 4-78, 5-78, 6-78, 7-78, 8-96, 9-110, BOWLING: Foster 19.2-4-44-5; Nott 17-5-41-1; Andrew 11-3-27-4,

D Stepherson c Alleyne b Lawrence
3 N French b Alleyne
E Hemmigs b Alleyne
A Pick c and b Alleyne
A Afford b Wateh
Extras (b 4, ib 10, w 1, nb 11)
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Extras (Ib 7, nb 2) (seb lablw 8) late! M Rans and A Rahman old not bat. Uniperes: B Dudieston and B J Meyer.

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Wales had become something of a backwater in world squash until Davies and his Cardiff mentor. Robert Edwards, took it by the scruff of the neck last scason, launching Leekes Welsh Wizards upon the national league and Leekes Welsh Classic

the European men's field with jokingly skilful performances against Jochen Art, the German No. 2, and Fredrich Johnson, the Swedish No. 2, is against all the international trends of re-

cent years.

The game is in such poor financial shape west of the Bristol Channel that no junior

Bristol Channel that no junior team could be sent to the world championships in West Germany earlier this month.

Yet Davies, under Edwards, combining shrewd professionalism with outrageous nerve, have put Wales firmly back on the squash map. The Welsh Wizards, albeit with considerable Australian. Canadian, Scottish and English input, are reigning league champions. The Welsh Classic was last year's richest prize fund on the men's international circuit.

If Davies can beat Philip

final and either Chris Walker or Philip Whitlock in the final today, he will also have de-prived England of a continental England will also have a

CITZENIA, OI WEST CETMANY.
RESULTE: Courter finals: Men: A Dayles
(Wales) bt F Johnson (Swe), 97-97-90; P
Kenyon (Eng) bt G Williams (Eng), 94-9493, P Whatook (Eng) bt B Say (WG), 93-9192. C Walter (Eng) bt C Kelly (Scot), 9295-92. Women: B Hoogendoorn (Netty) bt
H Maclie (Eng), 94-59-19-95-98; D
Grzeniz (WG) bt R Macree (Eng), 94-9696. S McTee (Eng) bt D Sommers (Neth),
95-92-94.

MODERN PENTATHLON

efforts

By MICHAEL COLEMAN

THIRTY-SIX competitors bettered 5,000 points - the yard-stick of a first-class competitor - at the men's world junior championships which con-cluded in Budapest on Sunday Two of them. Craig Manley and John Marshall, were British, and their strong finishing hoisted their team up to ninth

Manley swam fourth fastest in a personal best, while Marshall was second in the show jumping

was second in the show jumping with a clear round.
RESULT: World junior champlonehine: Fencing: 1. F Katone (Hun), 1.102pts (52 victories from 65 lights) British: 33, J Marshell, 779 (33 victories); 43, D James, 728 (30), 50. C Mantey, 626 (24) Shooting: L Czernok (Hun), 1.165 Marilley, 1.030; James, 955; Marshell, 880, Swimming: G Fus (Austral), 1.185 Marshell, 1.04 (3transp.), 1.04 (3transp.) 1, Hungary, 16,757; 2, Sovet Union, 18,048; 3, Poland, 15,646, 9, Sntain,14,804.

Two steps separate title from **Davies**

IN ROTTERDAM

ADRIAN Davies yesterday stood just two matches away from capturing the first Euro-pean closed squash champion-ships for Wales, a feat that would appeal both to his sense of humour and his staunch

For Davies to be dominating

If Davies can beat Philip Kenyon in a European semi-

finalist for the women's champ-ionship. Senga Mache and Caro-line Mett play in the semi-finals. The opponent will be either Babette Hoogendoom, of The Netherlands, or Daniela Grzenia, of West Germany.

First-class by Britons

enough profit to ensure its viability as a private enterprise. Bisham is a splendidly appointed centre with 29 beds in the Abbey itself - parts of which date from the 13th century - and 60 more in the block built in 1977. There are four indoor and ten outdoor tennis courts, three football pitches, the biggest astro-turi artificial surface in Europe, a parthree nine-hole golf course, two squash courts and a weightlifting gym and fitness suite. Huckstep stresses that, although the national governing bodies will always get priority, he can make Bisham more He says that some of the 60 full

and part-time staff will be re-deployed, with the agreement of the unions. Savings can be made in overtime payments at the week-ends. The staff are now paid like civil servants at a rate of one-andhalf times on Saturday and double on Sunday. There are no such payments in the leisure world which, in future, will be at a same

rate as weekdays.

He has plans to refurbish the bar and to improve the catering which, although of good nutritional value, is basic. He says: "We have to think about the under utilisation of the centre and its facilities. There has been a very passive approach to marketing; we must be more pro-

active in this area."

David Westgarth, the Sports
Council's director of national centres, said that the change-over will be the best thing that has ever happened to the centres. "We are throwing the pieces up in the air and assembling them in a different form," he said. Huckstep is enthusiastic about

led the in-house team which won prospects. "How about a slogan in the contract from 22 other the area enticing people into Bisham: 'Train where the Olympians train"?" he said. "I will be able to do that now. What a seller it

It is his task not just to reduce the deficit on the running costs of

companies.

eight months, he already has a

detailed knowledge of Bisham. He

£220,000 a year but to make

Old-style Leatherdale best over three days

By Our Rifle Shooting Correspondent PAUL Leatherdale, of Norwich, Trophy with 633 points, seven ahead of Barbara Barber, also of

Little Chalfont

• Kevin Gill, of Stirchley,

Birmingham, who won the shot-gun trench silver medal at the Commonwealth Games, won Britain's first shooting quota slot for the Barcelona Olympics

when he took the bronze medal

in the Olympic trap event at the world championships in

RESULTS: Victoria Trophy (standard handgun): 1. A Warren (RAF PC), S86; 2, W Armstrong (Jarrow), 577; 3. C Greenhough (LMER Chesterfield), 576. Britannia Trophy (centre fire): 1. 1 Haynes (Leytend Cars), 581; 2. D Lewere (Wombley), 577; 3. M Jay (Havertorowest), 574. Bologue Trophy (standard petrol): 1, Lewere, 558/188, 2. Warren, 566/185, 3. P Clark (Stock Exchange), 555 Evan Price Trophy (women's soort postol). 1, B Youring

SHOOTING

the international pistol marks-man, won the A J Clark trophy, in effect the victor ludorum of the NSRA British pistol championships, at Bisley yes-terday after putting up the best overall performance over three

He won back the Stockholm Shield for free pistol which he lost last year, and the Allies Cup for the short range open, but was beaten for the Gallie Cup in the British open 50 yards event, which went to Dick Horrocks, of Whalley Pistol Club, Manchester.

Leatherdale won the NSRA Trophy in the Class X grand aggregate with 954 points, four ahead of Tony Warren, the

aggregate with 93-4 points, four ahead of Tony Warren, the former RAF champion now out of the service but still shooting for the RAF pistol club.

Warren had a convincing win in the standard handgun event, scoring 586 for a lead of nine points over the Cleveland police inspector William Armstrong, but Warren met his match in the standard pistol event when he tied with David Levene, of Wembley, on 566. Levene then beat him in the tie shoot by the high score of 189 to 185.

Bryony Young, of Little Chalfont, 653; 3, Arabise Cap (Broan open 50vg); 1, F Lestnerdie (Rowech), 835; 2, M Loader (BPC), 829; 3, 67 Stockholm Shield (the prior); 1, F Lestnerdie (Rowech), 835; 2, M Loader (BPC), 829; 3, 4 M Loader (BPC), 829; 3, 4 M Loader (BPC), 829; 3, 4 M Loader (BPC), 829; 3, 2, Jarsty, 738; 3, Wartes, 708, 6asile Cap (Broan open 50vg); 1, F Horrocks (Wralkley, 282; 2, Lestnerdie, 283; 2, Loader, 283; 3, Armi, 283 NSRA Trophy (slow fire cless X aggregate); 1, Lestnerdie (Rowech), 836; 3, Armi, 283 NSRA Trophy (slow fire cless X aggregate); 1, Lestnerdie (Rowech), 836; 3, Armi, 283 NSRA Trophy (slow fire cless X aggregate); 1, P Lestnerdie (Rowech), 836; 2, M Loader (BPC), 829; 3, Armi, 829; 1, P Lestnerdie (Rowech), 836; 2, M Loader (BPC), 829; 3, Lestnerdie (Rowech), 836; 2, M Loader (BPC), 829; 3, Lestnerdie (Rowech), 836; 2, M Loader (BPC), 829; 3, Lestnerdie (Rowech), 836; 2, M Loader (BPC), 829; 3, Lestnerdie (Rowech), 836; 2, M Loader (BPC), 829; 3, Lestnerdie (Rowech), 836; 2, M Loader (BPC), 829; 3, M Loader (BPC), 829

González, from Spain. has emerged as a strong contender for Split. González, aged 32 and the fifth fastest miler in history, ran a 3min 53.66sec mile in West Berlin last Friday. Neil Horsfield, Britain's third man in the 1,500 metres, runs the 800 metres in Rovereto in an attempt to prove that all is well after finishing tenth in the Zurich 1500 metres last Wednesday. He believes he would have improved on his

personal best of 3min 35.08sec. set five days carlier in Brussels. had he not been impeded by Tony Morrell's fall with 300 metres to go. Instead, Horsfield, the AAA champion, recorded 3min 39.10sec. Cairns goes back David Cairns, the former Great

Britain rugby league scrum half, of Salford, has rejoined Barrow

for £15,000.

KIDSONS LIVERPOOL COMPETITION:
Southport 170-9, Brushmead Park 173-5;
Bootile 194-3, Wallstey 100: Ornskirk
186-5. Chester Boughton Half 83-6; Stesham 266-7, Soishull 124-9.
Neston 219-4, Hightown 181; New Brightnot 122, Orton 123-4; Hughton 96, Northern 99-4; Liverpool 183-6; Selton 135-6.
NORTHAMPFONSHIRE COUNTY
LEAGUE: District 197-7, Wishaw 201-4; Bewdley 191-7,
Helens Recreation 184-6, Formby 185-8;
Northumbertand 133-6, Selton 135-6.
NORTHAMPFONSHIRE COUNTY
LEAGUE: Orton 123-4; Hughton 96, Northern 99-4; Liverpool 183-6, Selton 135-6.
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ord 124-8, Hughton 135-6, South
Northumbertand 132-6, Ashmoron 183-7, Selton 135-6.
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LEAGUE CRICKET RESULTS

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SCOTTISH PREMIER

Not on coupens: Aberdeen v Hiberham, Hearns v St Murren, St Johnstone v Dundee Unded

SCOTTISH FIRST

Nofon coupons: Ardrie v Monon; Brechin v Raith: Dundee v Partick; Meanowbank v Kif-

SCOTTISH SECOND

POOLS FORECAST

Recovery X A Villa v Soton 1 Cheisea v Derby 2 Eventon v Leeds 1 Liston v C Palace 1 Man Utd v Coventry X Notton F v QPA 2 Sheff Utd v Liverpool 7 Toparitam v Man City 2 Wimbledon v Arsenal by Hanley

ELLERY Hanley, the Wigan and Great Britain rugby league within a month, instead of by His pelvic injury has re-sponded well to rest and treatment, according to the Wigan coach, John Monie.

Hooks catch Kenny Hooks, the Ireland rugby union right wing, has moved

Blown away

Not on coupons: Charlton Gale-force winds cancelled all sailing at the Son world THIRD DIVISION
2 Cambridge y Bermaghin
1 Crewe y Fulham
2 Exeser y Reading

in the Netherlands yesterday for the 470, Soling and Tornado Buenos Aires (Reuter) - Yugo-

Not on coupons: Bradford City v Tranmere, Brentford v Bournamouth, Bury v Chester

POUNTH LIVISION

Burnley v Limcoln

Cardelle v Dencaster

Criser Field v Hardscool

K dillingham v Darlington

Haldax v Spockport

Sounthrope v Backpool

Walsall v Torollay

Windsan v Peterboro

1 York v Meestington

X Barnsley v Brighton 1 Bristol C v Blackburn 1 Bisson C v Blackdim
1 Hull v Notta Co
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1 Newcastle v Pyrnouen
2 Oxford v Port Vale
1 Portsmith v West Brom
X Wattord v Millwal
1 Wolves v Oldham

CONFERENCE Altrincham v Beth Barrow v Chehanha 1 Colchester v Merthy 1 Kettering v Geneshea 1 Kid'minster v Field

X Arproath v Berwick 1 Cowsens in v Striking X East Fife v Duribarron 1 Q of Stri v E Striking X Queen's Pk v Stranraer

Nomes: Chelesa, Luton, Tottenham, Newcastle, Portsmouth, Crewe, Stoke, Caroltt, Scummorpe, Corchester, Rangers, Commences ...

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Bisham enters an enterprising era

Two men in a boat: David Westgarth (left), of the Sports Council, and Geoff Huckstep, of Bisham Abbey, affoat together yesterday

Into this controversy has stepped

Geoff Huckstep, the new general

manager, who is a former manager

of Romford Ice Rink and is steeped

in sport and leisure development in

the private sector. As assistant

manager of the centre for the last

ATHLETICS

Elliott in

Rovereto

By DAVID POWELL

ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

PETER Ellion today seeks to

confirm his position as favour-ite to win the European 1,500 metres championship in Split

next week by running in a low-key meeting in Rovereto, Italy.

The Commonwealth cham-pion dispelled doubts about his

form by winning the Emsley Carr Mile at Gateshead on Friday. He had said before his victory, in 3min 55.51sec, that

would not go to Split unless

he was convinced that he could

win. The seeds of doubt had

been sown by a three-week interruption to his training

because of a virus and a knee

Some administrators fear that tendering of national centres.

there will be pressure from the new

management teams to develop the

centre commercially, and this is

bound to affect the provision of

tres, there is no compulsion from

government to have competitive

istrators, maintain that to "privatise" the centres implies that

By JOHN GOODBODY · THE controversy over the future of

Britain's five national sports cen-

the run by a private company.

"the family silver is up for grabs"
while the Sports Council, which

Britain's elite competitors, has insisted that it will get better value

for money while safeguarding the primary objective of the centres—

On November I, a private company will take over Bisham,

which has been extensively used by

England's World Cup football team, the British hockey team

which won the gold medal at the

1988 Olympics, the national weightlifting squad and also the Lawn Tennis Association as a

Bisham Abbey is delightfully situated on the Thames, near

Marlow, and its potential as a

always been restricted because of

Few brides would welcome receptions being held to a background of

Paul Gascoigne rehearsing free kicks or weightlifters dropping

Those in a favour of competitive

mendering of the five centres - the

others are Crystal Palace, Lilleshall, Holme Pierrepont and

Plas-y-Brenin - argue that the new

management team will have the

opportunity to develop the centres

while maintaining the service for

the national governing bodies and

reducing the cost to the tax-payer of more than £3 million a year.

However Coe, and some admin-

sporting investment"

For the first time the qualify-

team groups. The winners of the

BASEBALL

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BASKETBALL

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Coe wrote in The Times in March: "I do not think you can

have it both ways. Excellence by its

any activity. It requires

Manow, and its possessions location for weddings, receptions and conferences is immense. How-

ever, its scope for exploitation has

the constraints of having to be available for the elite competitor.

training centre.

500lb bar-bells.

res will escalate this autumn when Bisham Abbey becomes the first to

Sebastian Coe has warned that

underwrites the centres used by

TENNIS Seles holds on to win the title

From Barry Wood

IN LOS ANGELES BOTH Monica Seles and Martina Navratilova could draw positive values from the final of the women's tour-nament here as they turn their

thoughts towards the US Open, which begins next week. Although Seles held off a late and desperate challenge to win by a whisker — 6-4, 3-6, 7-6 — Navratilova was comforted that despite two long matches in the semi-finals and a two-hour tussle with Seles, her body came through untroubled by stress or strain.

"My body held up really well and I felt better at the end of the match than at the beginning." eard Navratilova aged 33 "That's a tribute to my fitness,

and I know I can play a long one at the Open and come through. competitive and well-played match. I'm mentally prepared and physically prepared I'm

match-tough and in good She will need to be for, as she admits, there is a close race for the last grand slam title of the year. Seles modestly puts herself at third, behind Steffi Graf and Navratiliova, but the 15-year-old as beaten both of her chal-

lengers twice in recent months. Seles led 5-1 in the final set before Navratilova won four straight games and then recovered from 6-5 down to force a tie-break, which was conceded 8-6. "I think I just choked. I got so nervous and couldn't hit a ball," Seles said. "It's pretty tough if you are 5-1 up and your opponent comes back to five-

REBULTS: Finel: M Sales (Yug) bt M Navrations (US), 6-4, 3-6, 7-8. Doubles: Finel: G Fernancez (US) and J Novoma (Cz) bt M Paz and G Sabatins (Argi, 6-3, 7-

• INDIANAPOLIS: Boris Becker, the No. I seed, broke Peter Lundgren's service four times in nine games on the way to a 6-3, 6-4 victory over the Swede in the United States hard-court final here on Sunday (AP reports).

ATHLETICS

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(Shelfield AC), 30x3, 3, N McCastlery (2x48
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(Fyssendate), 30x1n 21 pc. Velection 1; K
Neutrino (Exeler Harriers), 30:12.

RM I IARDS

BANCIALORE, Indie: World championship: Group A: D Manadir (NZ) of D No (Ging). 1,512-582, Assock Shandhya (Indii) hi Kotula Sirsoma (Sri Lanta), 1,536-1,047, Group B: M Goodwell (Eng) of S M Shahmward (Sri Lanta), 1,584-557; 3 Clarka (N Ind of A Post) (Srog), 574-685; K Gless (NZ) or D Shandan (Scot), w/o.

OVERSEAS FOOTBALL

very nature is costly, in sport as in facilities. Unlike local sports cen-

Shaky start for Cameroon

By KEITH BLACKMORE

CAMEROON, who reached the quarter-finals of the World Cup last month, made an unimpreshave no difficulty rising above Mali, Guinea and Sierra Leone in group one. Egypt, the other African success of the World Cup, have a harder task in group two, but they made a bright start by beating Ethiopia 2-0 in Cairo. sive start as the African Nations sive start as the African Nations
Cup qualifying competition
began at the weekend.
The 0-0 draw with Mali in
Yaounde, a result which may be
explained by the absence of all
the players who were based with
European clubs, is, however,
unblkely to hinder Cameroon's
removes towards the finals in beating Ethiopia 2-0 in Cairo. Both goals came in the second half and were scored by players who made an impression in Italy, Ahmed Ramzi and Hossam Hassan. Tunisia will provide the strongest opposition in the group which includes Chad. progress towards the finals in Senegal in 1992.

ing competition for the cup is based on a round-robin system, with six four-team and two five-Group three may be disrupted because civil war is likely to prevent Liberia from competsmaller groups and the top two in the bigger ones will join the hosts and Algeria, the holders, in the finals, which have been expanded from eight to 12 ing. This should leave the way clear for Ivory Coast, who beat Mauritania 2-0 at the weekend and Morocco, who beat Niger 2-

0, to qualify. Nigeria, who have been the World Cup, the qualifying last four competitions, should groups have been drawn up on a geographical basis, but the more made a confident start by beatpowerful teams are generally ing Togo 3-0 in Lagos. They will Paille, kept apart. Cameroon should probably be joined by Ghana. Bordeaux.

AFRICASI NATIONS CUP: Group 1: Cameron II, Mai 6 Group 2: Egypt 2: Ehiops B.
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Togo C. Group 3: Angolo D. Madagescer 1.
Group 5: Zaire 2. Tarizanie 0; Gebon 1.
Ulganda C.
ARGENTINE LEAGUE: Estudiantes de le Pate 1. Sen Lorenzo de Airregro 1; Newall's Did Boys 1. Plantines 0; Boso Jimans 3.
Argentinos Juntors 2. Deportivo Mandinu (Corrempas) 2. Hurzanie 0; Boso Jimans 3.
Argentinos Juntors 2. Deportivo Mandinu (Corrempas) 2. Hurzanie 2. Record Cub 2.
Union 2: Tailleres (Cordoba) 1.
Independente 1: Deportivo Experio C), Riemer Pare 1: Ferro Cartill Geste 0, Gimnesia Egyma La Pata 0.
AUSTRIAN LEAGUE: Austria Salzburg 2.
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Wein 0: Ajanne Obnavitz 4. VSES 1: Potten 0: Vierma 1, Virusets Story 1: Austria Vienna 0, Sumn Graz 0: Rivinol 3, Austra Vienne SK 0: Kremeer SK 0: Remeta 1. Sentines 0: Beard of Leading position position (Experio Correct 2. Leading position (Experio Correct 2. Austria Statburg, B.
3. Sturm Graz 8.
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Zambia, the runners-up in Al-geria earlier this year, should advance from group five and Kenya should win group six. There is no clear lavourite for group seven although Malawi, Congo and Zimbabwe will prob-

ably all be too strong for the Seychelles and group eight should be dominated by Zaire, who beat Tanzania 2-0 in their opening match in Kinshasa.

In Europe ViB Stuttgart are
the early leaders of the West German first division. Their 4-0 vin against Hertha Berlin keeps them above newly promoted Wattenscheid, who beat Bayer Uerdingen 2-0. In France, Mar-

seilles opened a two-point gap at the top of the first division by Porto, the champions of Por-tugal, began the new season with

a 2-0 win against Penafiel, both quired foreign players, Konstadinov, who was bought from CSKA Sofia, and Stephan Paille, who came from

Gateshead, where he ran near the back of the field during the first two laps, we can expect more of the old Elliott at 1.500 metres today. He is likely to want to push the pace harder in his last race before Split. OVERSEAS LEAGUE AND CUP RESULTS Steve Cram has withdrawn from Rovereto, preferring to train at home after failing to

PORTUGUESE LEAGUE: Manteno 2. Bera Mer 2: Sporting 3. Guimeraes 0; Porto 2. Penafiel 0; Tirsense 2. Salgueros 1; Chaves 0, Boarvista 1; Braga 2. Belonenses 0; Pamalicao 1, Amadora 1; Farense 2. impress over 1.000 metres in Gateshead; but one of Cram's great rivals from his halcyon days in the mid 1980s, José-Luis Pational L. EAGUE: GAIS Gothenburg 0. Djurgaarden IF 0; Alik Stockholm 1; Orebro Sk 0; FK Norrikoping 1; Orgyse IS 2; Maimo FF 5. Haimsand Sk 0; Gser IF 1; Stage IF 2; Haimmarby 6F 2; IFK Gothenburg 4; Laading positions (atter 15 macches); 1; IFK Gothenburg, 25; 3; IFK Norrikoping, 25; 2; Alik Stockholm, 25; 3; IFK Norrikoping, 25;

SWISS LEAGUE: Lucarne 0, Grasshoppers Zuruch 2; St Gellen 2, Annu 1; Servette Geneva 0. Neuchatel Xamax 0, Westingen 0, Lugiarno 4; Young Boys Bertle 1, Lausarnie 1; Zurich 1, Son 1. Leading positions (after 6 matches): 1. Grasshopper, Spris; 2, Lau-sanne, B; 3, Sion, 7. WEST GERMAN LEAGUE: Fortung Dusse

WEST GERMAN LEAGUE Fortune Dussel-dorf 2, Hamburg 1; Keissnise 1, Bortussia Dornhund 2: Bayer Leverlausen 2, Nurem-berg 2: Bayer Leverlausen 2, Nurem-berg 2: Bayer Leverlausen 2, Nurem-berg 2: Bayer Leverlausen 3, Norem-ter 1, Cologne 0; VIII Suragart 4, Heritte Bertin 0; Werder Bremen 3, Bonussia Moenchengladbach 0; St. Paull 0, Bayern Munch 0, Leading positions (after 2 matchests 1, VIB Suragart, 4pts; 2, Wessen-sched, 4; 3, VIL Bochum, 4.

HUNGARRAN LEAGUE: Ulpest Dozsa 0, Ferenovarus 5: Szeged 1, Volan Budapest 0: Stolok 2, Raba Eio Gjor 1; Honved 3, VAC Izzo 0: Pecs MSC 2, Videoton 0: Tarabanya 2, Bekessessen 1; Debrecen 2, Vessprem 2: MTK-VM Budapest 1, Vassa Budapest 2. scnerd, 4; 3, VIL BOCHUM, 4.
YUGOSLAV LEAGUE: Rati 2, Vojvodina 0;
Proseer 0, Rad Star 2; Radrocki 1, Stocoda 1
(Radrocki won 6-4 on penatises); Zelezincia:
0, Sparrati 0 (Sparratis won 3-2 on penatises);
Climpia 2, Hejduk 1; Buduenost 4, Sarajevo
0; Velez 1, Otajak 0; Rijaka 0, Dinamo 0
(Rijeka won 3-1 on penatisas); Partizan 4,
Zemun 1, Leading poetions (after 3
machas); Red Star, Spts. 2, Buduenost, 5, 3,
Paruzan, 5.

Notification of the state of th MTK-VM Bucapest 1, Vasas Sudapest 2. LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Langue Cup: Cobh Rambiers 1, Kilkenny City 2; Waterford United 0 Cork City 3; Galway United 5, Langrock City 0; Longlord Town 2; Conseugra 1, Sentor Leegue: Drogheda United 2, Abjorne Town 1; Dundsik 2, Abrosphan United 1; Derry City 0, Sitgo Rovers 0; St James' Geer 0, Sheburne 5; Shemrock Rovers 0, Home Farm 0; Bray Wanderiars 1, Bonemens 2; University College Dublin 1, St Patrick's Amiestic 0.

FOR THE RECORD

CYCLING SHEFFELD: City combo rood race (29km); 1, S Hempadi (Chesterlisid Coursurs), 59:40. coverent (Chesterfeet Courters), 220-47.
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1, M Borross (VE Notingham), 1228
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Eyettone (US).

DIVING DALLAS: US national orideor champion-ables: Men: 10c plustome 1, M Scooper, 6-325per; 2, S Denie, 582.17: 3, P Sysie, 587.18. Wester, 582.17: 3, P Sysie, Licoye, 487.13; 2, K MgCorman, 472.28; 3, M E Carr, 488.59.

Azinger, 3882,479; 7, 3 Morgen, 5893,377; 146, 6, F. Chuglest, 5882,477; 7, 3 Morgen, 5893,377; 8, W Lavi, 5364,387; 9, T Kita, 5648,949; 10, L. Miza, 552,006; 11, L. Wadkins, 4568,533; 12, T Simpaca, 3-491,199; 13, P. Jacconson, 3484,310; 14, W Grang, (Juni, 3418,172; 15, S. Bidration (Jam), 5404,173; 16, C. Back, 5304,791; 17, J. Macdel, 5303,296; 10, R. Garraz, 5303,319; 19, M O'Morar, 5375,575, 20, J Hugszor, 5271,430, British shacinger 21, M Facto, 5345,525; L. Woomen, 372,136; 159, S.Lyte, 546,655; 177, R. Rafferty, 534,029. MOTOR SPORT

POWERBOATING

HERDHESM, West Commany: World long track final: 1, S wings (SE), 37pm; 2, K Meser (WG), 30; 3, H-O Fingsi (WG), 30; 4, M Commerci (Sentz), 25; 5, K Lauserin (WG), 25; 6, M Com-(GS), 24. NATIONAL LEAGUE: Edinburgh 5, Enser 0 (acondocard effer Gog Inest — rain).

SWIMMING CONISTON WATER: Veterane champleonthip (3.25 miles): Nest: 1, D Resson (Howeverage), the 28mm 32mer; 2, J Goodbody (Otter Lyndon), 1:38:11; 3, E Mullican (Rotterham), 1:38:18, Womate: 1, D Beynon (Warrington), 1:50:43; & Recisioso (Doncaster), 23:11; 3, P Mayleid (Troutbook), 2:35:25.

SASPPAGE II: Waser's Stactised Open champ losethip Finale: Merz A Bross to P Ferrecot, S. 3,6-3 Doubles: Chros and F Rodges BY Finance and A Carswell, 6-3, 7-8. Wassies: K McGaint et II S Ellingth, 6-4, 6-3. Obeshies: McGaint et C Bright by M Hinst and C White, 6-2, 6-0. WOKPIG: Purse netional chambiomship Semi-final: Chris Lane Certite S, Bidey 2 ALAPWICE: LTA/VW ratings tournement Peater Mer: CTrousdain to A Hurdey, 6-2, 6-3. 8. Women: S Trousdain to M Ogden, 8-2, 6-0.

TYNEMOUTH: Exterprise world champ-forentip: Finul positioner 1, I Pinnas and A service (GB); 2, J Hum and G Hobson (GB); 3, S Robertson and Was S Robertson (GB); 3

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Derbyshire wait for pitch verdict of TCCB group

innings wickers in hand, lead Middlesex by 156 runs DERBYSHIRE. who were

criticised by the Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB) for leaving too much grass on a pitch in May, have now been

Donald Carr, chairman of the TCCB's pitches committee, Tim Lamb, its cricket sec-retary, and Peter Marron, In his place, Marron gave Carr Lancashire's groundsman, yesterday inspected the pitch being used for their match against Middlesex.

They watched until the close of play but deferred making a judgement. Should Derbyshire have 25 points deducted, which is the ultimate penalty, it will put paid to any remaining hope they have of winning the county championship. Essex, who with Nottinghamshire were penalised in this way last century of the season. He season, were affected in like

is wet and uneven of bounce, was reported on Sunday by the umpires. Chris Balderstone that the championship leaders and Peter Wight. The TCCB's acquired two bonus batting dicta is that pitches "should points and, indeed, retained a start completely dry and there chance of winning, a habit should ideally be no evidence they have lost of late. Some of greenness and no obvious batsmen of that standing mat of grass. Groundsmen would have gone in, stepped should aim to produce pitches out of line and swung the bat. that are white or straw-col-

Derbyshire claim in mitigation that their groundsman, pitch as instructed. "We are That Gatting chose to wear not trying to make any excuses but we took the grass off and it chest protector, which he can then rained heavily in mid-rarely have done before, was week," Bob Lark. Derby- eloquent testimony to the shire's chief executive, said. difficult conditions. Resum-

lateral movement and extreme variations in bounce as one or two batsmen who were hit will testify. These both contravene the TCCB's requirements, introduced to

improve England's Test performances and cricket in reported for poor preparation.
A delegation comprising pitches. Harry Brind, was tending his square for the final Test at The Oval on Thursday and hence did not go to Derby. and Lamb a technical report.

Derbyshire can at least plead that, had they wilfully intended to produce a rogue pitch, they would have played Bishop and Malcolm. They would doubtless have been lethal both in terms of taking wickets and inflicting injury.

The one batsman to cope with the pitch yesterday was Gatting, who did not escape some painful blows around the chest in making his fourth preferred to comment on his batting, which was thoroughly This pitch at Derby, which gutsy, rather than the

> It was entirely owing to him points and, indeed, retained a Gatting's innings was put into perspective by the second highest score being 14, made by Emburey on his 38th

both armguard and billowy On the first day, Saturday, ing on 31, he lost Haynes. Essex at Derby.

Mortensen's opening spell. The first two got themselves which popped.

Twice Gatting was dropped. at the wicket on 37 and at backward square leg when 84. In every sense, he had to fight for his runs. There was an allrun four owing to the sodden outfield, and just one reverse sweep, albeit when he was but six runs short of his century. This took him 245 minutes and included 13 fours. Then he ran out of partners.

• All three of the decisive games in the Refuge Assurance League next Sunday will start early, at 1.05pm, to fit in with Sky Television.

Sky, which has exclusive rights to cover the league, will have cameras at the three games, concentrating on the leaders. Derbyshire, against



Striking force: Willey, Leicestershire's top scorer, on his way to 46 at Edghaston

the championship

Essex on track for

ESSEX, who won only one of lunch Nottinghamshire, at three): Warwickshire, with their first eight games this season, are wonderfully placed behind. But Lawrence's meal standing, are 50 runs behind at Chelmsford to record their so agreed with him that he Leicestershire sixth win in their last nine came out and took five wickmatches and maintain a remarkable drive for the championship, which they

won three times in the 1980s. They bowled out Surrey for I 14 to gain a first-innings lead of 122, which they increased to 403 as they dashed to 281 for five. Gooch maintaining his record of scoring a half-century in every championship match in which he has appeared this season, before a furious assault by Waugh and

Stewart, who was missed off the first ball of the day, was the only Surrey batsman to resist for long against the bowling of Andrew, who began the collanse with a spell of three wickets for three runs in 23 balls and Foster, whose final figures of five for 44 included a burst of three wicket in four

Lawrence, the Gloucestershire fast bowler, who is on the short list for Australia, turned the game against Not-Trent Bridge, where 12 wickets fell for 32 runs during a bizarre afternoon session. At

ets in 15 balls, including the stage of the season, and by first hat-trick of his career.

Newell and Robinson worth ing allocation Warwickshire 203 and, thus inspired, he sent did little to dispel the notion back Robinson (123), Evans that, despite lying second in and Stephenson with the table, they still do not successive deliveries

259, then took the first three Gloucestershire wickets for the imponderable factor in two runs, before Alleyne, with this year's title equation, an unbeaten 65, took them to which still involves at least

overs - Lenham (86) and They patently did not. Alan Wells (78) the main contributors - before declar- through the morning, four ing 150 behind. Kent are 31 for

two in their second innings. home batsmen passing 50.

EDGBASTON (second day of

puzzlingly surrendering more He broke a stand between than half of yesterday's playregard themselves as serious Nottinehamshire, limited to championship contenders. Weather interruptions are

five clubs. But you win noth-The second day's play at ing by sitting in the pavilion. Hove was concerned with As Warwickshire are currently clearing the decks for today's engaged against Leicesterrun chase. Sussex, who have shire, perennially mid-table re-signed Dodemaide, the and no threat to them what-Australian, for next season, ever, they surely had to play in reached 299 for five in 100 all but impossible conditions.

Although sun shone brightly inspections were necessary before a start at 1.30pm. There With Nick Cook taking five was nothing wrong with the for 80, Worcestershire failed pitch, or the bowlers' run-ups, by nine runs to match North- but certain areas of the square amptonshire's 242 at Worces- remained greasy from Sunter, only Leatherdale of the day's rain. For the fielding captain, there was some risk involved and Andy Lloyd was

going, to predictable cat-calls from the corner of the ground

where patrons' appreciation of their county is traditionally expressed by yelling "rubbish". This time, they had a Warwickshire had made

their demise on Saturday, taking the last seven Leicestershire wickets for 86 and restricting their first-innings deficit to 88. On an uneven pitch, enjoyed by the seam bowlers on both sides, it remained a tough game for them to win but an opening stand of 38 fuelled hope. Had they resumed even on level terms this morning with most wickets standing, there was a chance of exploiting Leicestershire's brittle batting.

Instead, 58 of yesterday's 110 overs having been sacrificed, it will require something spectacular to produce the right result and Warwickshire will be seen to have colluded, however reluctantly, in losing ground. Lloyd could be forgiven for

Steady Moxon, page 28 presumably unwilling to take feeling he was not exactly

Later, 26 overs remained anticipation. The and Lloyd was batting when Birmingham public often the umpires, Ken Palmer and seems to love nothing better John Holder, offered him the than abusing a losing team chance to go off for admittedly and the novelty of having one poor, though not dangerous, on course for the principal ight. He hesitated before honour produced a contemptible response, no more than a few hundred people turning

Leicestershire, having lost their previous three games, seemed to fight shy of a winning base in this one. Willey was out to a wild thrash good progress towards in the day's second over and redeeming themselves for Potter and Benson were beaten by the movement of Small and Munton respectively. Lewis played some pleasant strokes before being caught in Smith's first over, and Reeve's looping inswingers and changes pace did the rest, bringing him

his best figures for the county. Ratcliffe, correct and upright, locally bred, and with only four single-figure scores this season, launched the response promisingly with the sturdy and under-rated Moles. Parsons, who briefly transited at Warwickshire before

resuming his Leicestershire career, broke the stand as Ratcliffe played no shot to an inswinger. It was the frenetic Parsons's fifth wicket of the game, his seventeenth in five innings. He has never known

Total (1 witt) 38
M Moody, P A Smith, D A Reeve, Asif
n, †K J Piper, G C Small, P A Booth and
A Munton did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-77, 2-101, 3-109, 4 156, 5-170, 6-171, 7-224, 8-229, 9-231. BOWLING: Small 20-8-34-1; Munton 22-474-2; Booth 5-1-7-0; Smith 10-1-25-Moody 12-2-36-1; Resve 20-7-42-4. Bonus points: Warwickshire 5, Leiceste shire 8.

Umpires: J W Holder and K E Palmer.

Bath invitation Bath, the Pilkington Cup holders, have been invited to compete in a rugby union tournament to celebrate the centenary of the Toulouse Club

Clarke graduates Darren Clarke, the Irish ama-

teur golf champion, from Dungannon, is to turn pro-fessional. This summer, Clarke has won the Spanish, North of Ireland and South of Ireland as the Irish closed title.

Taylor brings Robson out of mothballs

GRAHAM Taylor, the new England manager, yesterday indicated his reluctance to national career of Bryan Rob-son, the England captain, whose participation in the World Cup finals in Italy this summer was cut short by an Achilles tendon injury.

Taylor will include Robson,

who will be 34 in January, in his first squad as international manager for the match against Hungary at Wembley on September 12 even if, as he suspects, Robson's chances of being match-fit are "remote". Only if Alex Ferguson, the Manchester United manager, decides that Robson's rehabilitation would be better served by remaining at Old Trafford will the player be absent from the England fix-

Robson is receiving antibiotics to combat a secondary infection after an operation on the injured tendon and hopes to be fit to resume his club career against Sunderland at

Roker Park on Saturday week. It would appear that Taylor, who has spent some time with Robson discussing the player's future, has not discounted the possibility that Robson could perform in the same sweeper role that Ferguson has planned for his United captain in order to prolong his career at first-division level. But Taylor emphasised that if Robson were selected for the team, it would be on merit and

not just on his qualities as a leader. Robson's 83rd and last cap for England was in Cagliari against the Netherlands when, because of injury, he was substituted by his wouldbe successor in midfield,

"Bryan Robson loves a challenge, so let's see if this is one challenge too many for him," Taylor said. "He's being given an opportunity, but at the end of the day I'll decide on the basis of what I see with my own eyes. You don't throw door. Time, though, doesn't

Similarly, Taylor hopes that the experience of Peter Shilton, who announced his retirement from international football at the age of 40 during the finals, when he secured a record 125th cap, will not be lost to England, though he stressed that he thought it "unwise" of those people who were trying to persuade Shihon to reconsider his decision to retire.

However, Taylor conceded that had Shilton not retired, he would have been in goal against Hungary. It is Taylor's wish that Shitton becomes involved as a coach to England's future goalkeepers. taking over from Mike Kelly. has relinquished that

Taylor, a keen believer in continuity at management level and a great admirer of the West German FA structure, will give Joe Royle, 152 Oldham Athletic manager, the first chance to stake his claim as a future England manager by appointing him as coach to the Under-21 team for their game against Hungary.

"Joe will have a chance to see and smell the international scene without worrying about affairs off the pitch," Taylor said. "Whatever happens, I would like to think I have left my mark by creating a structure. It is up to the FA to pick

For the time being, the appointment of an Under-21 coach will be on a one-off basis, as Taylor intends to offer the position to a maximum of two or three other managers during the course of season. McMenemy, his assistant, will oversee the Under-21 squad.

Taylor wished to place on record his appreciation of the achievements of Don Howe, who this week tendered his resignation as England coach after II years with the squad. "I think Don realised that, that kind of experience out the with myself and Lawrie around, we were a bit topstand still for anyone. We heavy," Taylor said. "It was won't kid ourselves over the helpful that he offered his

Aston Villa reject £5m deal for Platt

ASTON Villa were last night understood to have turned down an offer worth £5 million from the Italian club. Fiorentina, for the England international, David Platt. Fiorentina hoped to succeed

where their rivals. Genoa. failed by offering their Czechoslovak international, Lubos Kubic, as a makeweight in the deal. Kubic was in the Czechoslovak World Cup side in Italy managed by the new Aston Villa manager, Jozef Venglos. Villa dismissed the offer, made just before the Italian early-season transfer deadline on foreign players, out of hand.

The former Chelsea winger, Clive Walker, has signed for Brighton from Fulham and will make his second division debut for them at Barnsley on Saturday. Brighton, who are waiting to discover if their £125,000 bid for the Republic of Ireland forward. John Byrne, has been accepted by his French club. Le Havre, are are also giving trials to Tony Meola, the United States

World Cup goalkeeper. The Leicester City manager. David Pleat, has signed a three-year contract. Pleat formerly in charge at Luton Town and Tottenham Hotspur, joined Leicester in December, 1987.

Derby County's pre-season game against Santos last night was called off at the last moment after the Brazilian club failed to catch their flight to Europe. Derby plan to register a strong complaint with Uefa, Fifa and the FA. Fulham have signed the

former Southampton midfield player, Graham Baker, on a wo-year contract. The former Wimbledon and Brentford forward, Francis Joseph has also joined them on a monthly contract • The traditional inter-

national fixture between England and Scotlandcould be revived next year. England have already com-

pleted their list of international fixtures.

Problem sharing, page 26

Squaring up to Cornhill circles at Oval

IN THE balmy days before Saddam Hussein rode to the rescue of the tabloid press, the media silly season was proceeding much as normal, this year dominated by corn circles. On Thursday, the silly season returns with a vengeance when, for the final Test against India, television will offer regular glimpses of a quite extraor-

The Cornhill circle is neither a boax nor an experiment by the Martian minister of agriculture. As the burgeoning army of circlists, circletherapists and circle-analysts has pointed out, the Cornhill is not only the first circle to be found within an Oval, it is also another kind of mouldbreaker: it consists not so much of a circle as of a series of finished and unfinished and hardly started circles, broken by outlines that represent various images connected with the game: the gully-slips-wicketkeeper cordon represented by the letter C, the boundary represented by the letter O, the pitch represented by the letter L

Did I say a circle? Two circles! One at each end of the pitch just beyond where the bowler starts his run-up. The precise position (about now we descend from tragi-comedy into farce) to be determined tomorrow morning when Devon Malcolm, the Man With The Longest Run-Up, will demonstrate the full extent of his journey to the stumps so as to avoid the PETER BARNARD tunes in to a higher terrestrial intelligence for word of a phenomenon peculiar to the silly mid-off season

dreadful prospect of the logo being worn out by his feet. If Malcolm is possessed of a sense of decency, he will be found making his mark halfway up Kennington Park Road. and to hell with them. Or he could borrow spinner Eddie Hemmings's run-up for the purposes of the demo, reverting to his own for the match.

The logo itself consists of a stumpsand-ball design, graced with the words "Cornhill Insurance Tests." In semipermanent waterproof paint which will be allowed to "grow out" after the match. This suggests the ultimate lunacy: a debate between Richie Benaud and Sunil Gavaskar as to whether the logo will outlast the pitch.

Given the position of the main television cameras, overlooking the bowlers' run-ups, Cornhill must think Christmas has come. Nor was this gift extracted by insurance hitmen, sent round to Lord's with sawn-off policies. I am reliably informed that it was the TCCB's idea, and that the TCCB cleared it with the BBC before it was agreed with Cornhill (who are not paying any extra for the exposure, at least not during this "experiment").

Students of the radio signals which from time to time penetrate our atmosphere on medium wave (Test Match Special as heard in a car travelling through water), are none the less convinced that Cornhill is nothing less than another word for Money. Oh, surely not. Still, this cynical theory would help to explain why the Combill circles are about to deface the Oval. Doubtless it is no coincidence. that the TCCB, the other-worldly intelligence that sells grass to insurance companies, has also recently sold the form of cricket which excites the maximum number of people, the one-day game, to the form of television which has the minimum number of viewers, BSB.

I am sufficient of a pragmatist not to mind watching Chris Lewis make catches at deep midwicket to a background of advertisement hoardings, provided none of them is for a product called Drop-It. Nor do I think Cornhill has been bad for the game. But I object to the TCCB allowing the turf to be abused in this way and, most of all, I wonder why the BBC has not used its enormous power to stop it happening.

The BBC's guidelines to producers

say that "banners or placards ...

should not come between the viewer

and the action." Does that not cover painted logos? BBC Sport usually

elopment. But that is a loophole: it should be plugged. Television can, and does, impose

sympathy for such purist sentiments when I spoke to Geoff Mayhew, marketing manager of Cornhill. He tells me that only one cricket lover has so far written in to object, but of course millions more will become aware of this vicious circle on Thursday. They should remember that it was the TCCB who came up with the idea. It would be a wicked imposition on the Post Office to remind people that the address of the TCCB is Lord's Cricket Ground, St John's Wood, London NW8 82Z, so I won't. But it would be nice if members of this column's one-off pressure

deserves more credit than it gets for holding out against tacit advertising and I am told the TCCB's contract with the BBC allows for this dev-

limitations on advertising at domestic events. It can hardly avoid events such as the Benson and Hedges Cup, although the TCCB could do so by choosing its sponsors more carefully.

Perhaps it thinks people who smoke
their way through the B and H
highlights on television will, after watching a Test match, ask Comhill to insure their lungs. I detected a certain amount of

of the British Amateur Athletic Board (BAAB) contacted group, Friends of the Turf, sent in the Foreign Office after re-100,000 letters starting "I was sitting ports that civil war was imminent in Croatia, the here watching the paint dry ..."

British team not put off by Split unrest By LOUISE LAYLOR

republic in which Split lies.

slavia notwithstanding, the British team will fly out on Thursday for the European athletic championships in Split, beginning on Monday. Trouble between Croats and Serbs placed the event in doubt when heavily armed Serbs set up roadblocks, using dynamited boulders, tractors and bulldozers, around the town of Knin, 40 kilometres outside Spilt, in their demands for autonomy. The situation had quietened

ETHNIC unrest in Yugo-

yesterday. Ivan Jurisic, a member of the organising committee of the European Athletic Association (EAA), which is staging the championships, said: "We are having constant discussions with the civil authorites and would be most concerned about any threat to human life, but we cannot see anything that can stop the championships now." The British team comprises 100 men and women. Officials

Brown, the team's administration officer, is in Split at the moment, along with a party of about eight middle- and longdistance athletes, and he reports that there have so far been no signs of problems." ● BANGKOK: The Asian Games movement is threatened by the situation in the Gulf, according to Santiparp Techavanija, treasurer of the Olympic Council of Asia

spokesman, said: "After

listening to the Foreign Office,

we see no reason why the

ahead. We are obviously con-

problems and that is why we

have made the enquiries. John

(OCA), which organizes the Asian Games (AFP reports). A vacuum in the OCA leader-Kuwait's Sheikh Fahd Al-Sabah, president of the OCA, in the invasion. The official said there could be a boycott of the Beijing Games in September if Iraq took part.

Hutchings withdraws from Split

TIM Hutchings has been forced to pull out of Britain's European championship Tony Ward, a BAAB athletics team through injury. The Crawley international was due to run the 10,000 metres in Split next week, but has been struggling with a championships will not go hamstring problem for most cerned about any possible of the summer. He will not be replaced at such late notice and Britain's 10,000 metres hopes now rest with Richard Nerurkar and Colin Moore. Hutchings's withdrawal was not unexpected, but Britain will miss the experience of a

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man who won bronze at 5,000 metres in the last Europeans in Stuttgart. Britain's leading cross-country exponent, Hutchings, aged 31, also won a 5.000 inerres bronze in the 1986 Commonwealth Games and a silver at 10,000 metres in last summer's European Cup in Gateshead

Ian McCombie, the counship came with the death of try's top race walker, has withdrawn from the 20kilometre event at Split with an Achilles tendon injury. McCombie, aged 29, from Leeds, finished thirteenth in the 1988 Olympics.

